

ANCIENT GREECE

700s - 336 BC

- **During this time period, Greece was made up of over 1000 different city-states**
- **A city-state was also called a POLIS (it's where we get the word metroPOLIS!)**

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- **A city-state is an independent city with its own government and economic system**
- **While the Greek city-states were politically and economically independent, each city-state spoke the same language and shared the same religious ideas and culture**

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- A city-state included a city and the surrounding villages, fields, and orchards

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- Each city-state had an **AGORA** (marketplace) which served as a main public meeting place where Greeks discussed ideas about government and philosophy



Even though each city-state was independent, each city-state had some similar features.

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- Each city-state had an **ACROPOLIS** (fortified hill) at the center of the city
- The top of the acropolis served as the city's religious center and was usually home to a temple for their local god

[Rick Steves' Acropolis and Agora](#)

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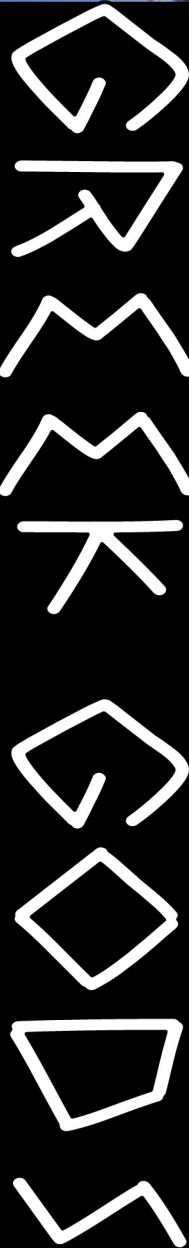
- Ancient Greeks were **POLYTHEISTIC** which means they worshipped multiple gods and goddesses
- Greek gods and goddesses had human characteristics and forms
- They married, had children, lied, murdered, and acted a lot like humans

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- The Greeks believed the gods communicated through an **ORACLE**, a priest or priestess that the gods spoke through (one important oracle lived in a temple at Delphi)
- The Greeks believed some of their gods and goddesses lived on Mt. Olympus, the highest mountain on the Greek mainland

[Oracles](#)



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ZEVS

head god

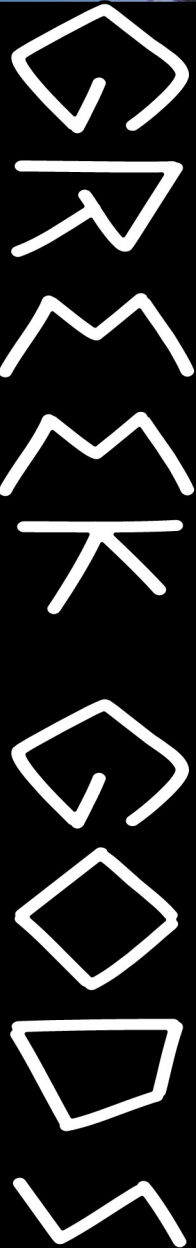


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HERA

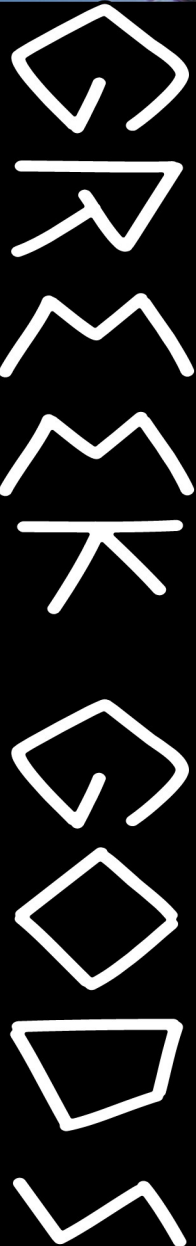
Queen of
the gods
and the
goddesses



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HERMES

**Messenger
of the gods
and guide
to the
underworld**



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ATHENA

**Goddess of
wisdom**



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ARES

God of war

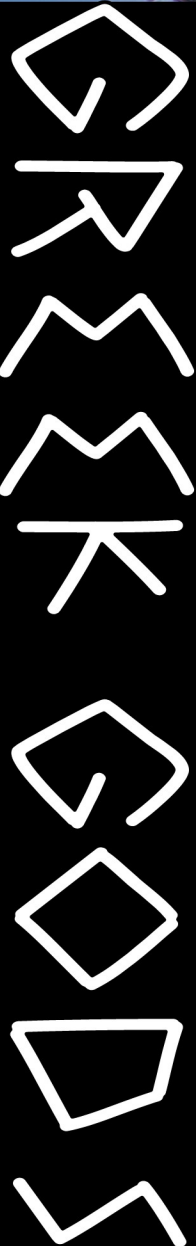


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ARTEMIS

**Goddess
of the hunt,
wilderness,
and wildlife**



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APOLLO

God of the sun

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HADES

God of the
underworld

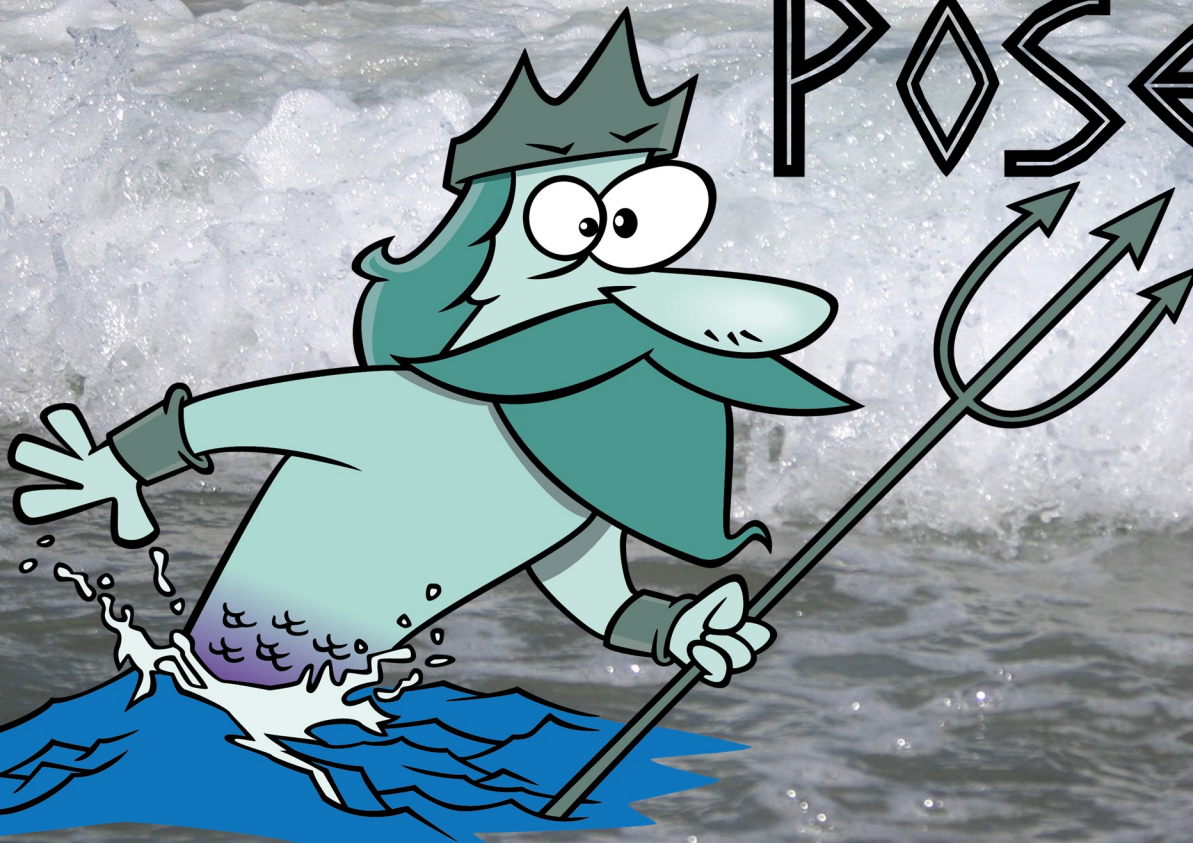


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God of the sea

POSEIDON



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- And there were even more gods including Aphrodite (goddess of love), Dionysus (god of grapes & wine), Demeter (goddess of the harvest), Hephaestus (god of fire), Persephone (queen of the underworld)...

[Greek Gods](#)

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SIMILAR YET DIFFERENT

- Each city-state had their own government and laws, calendar, money, system of weights and measures, and ideas about who was considered a citizen

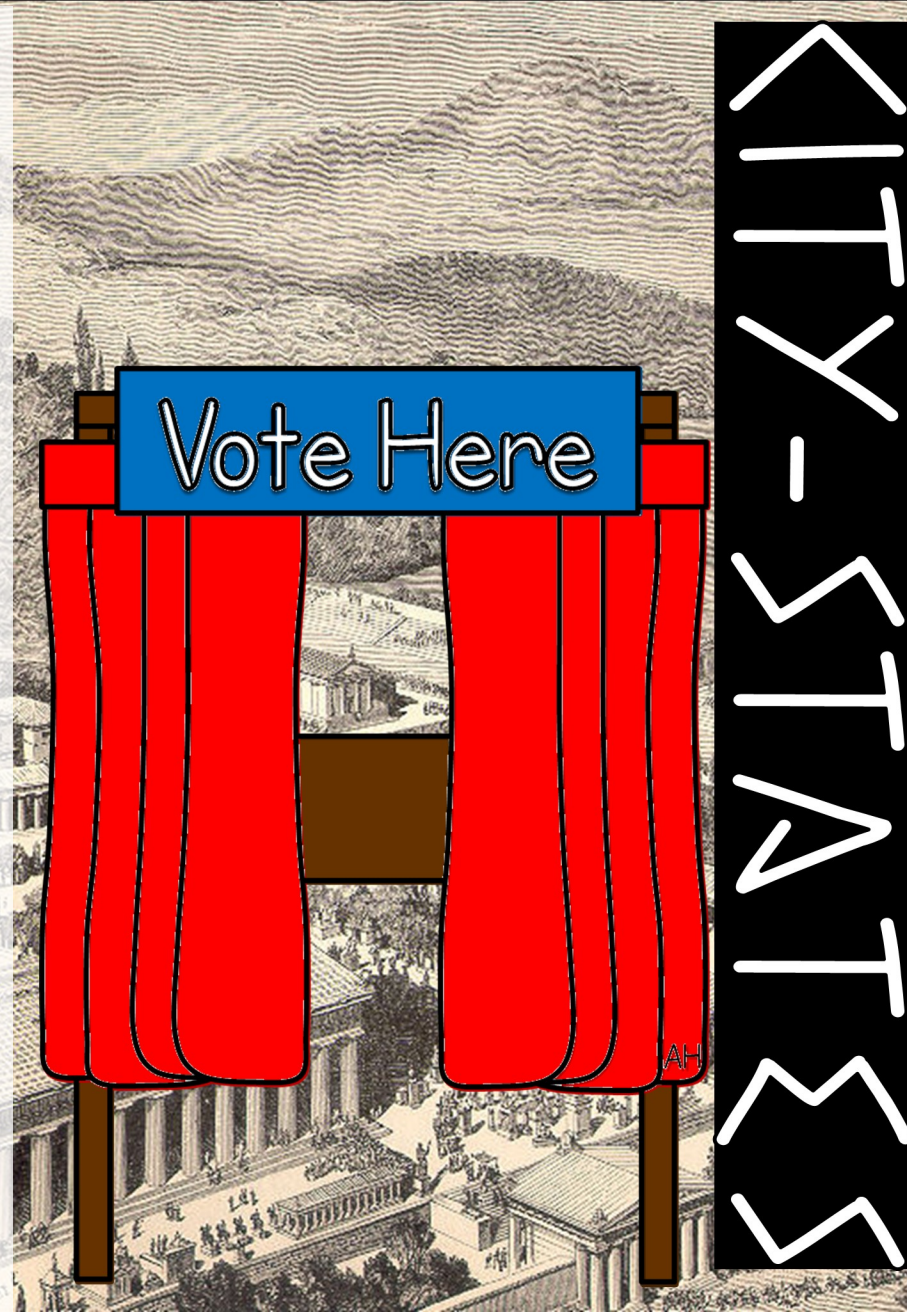
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CITIZENS

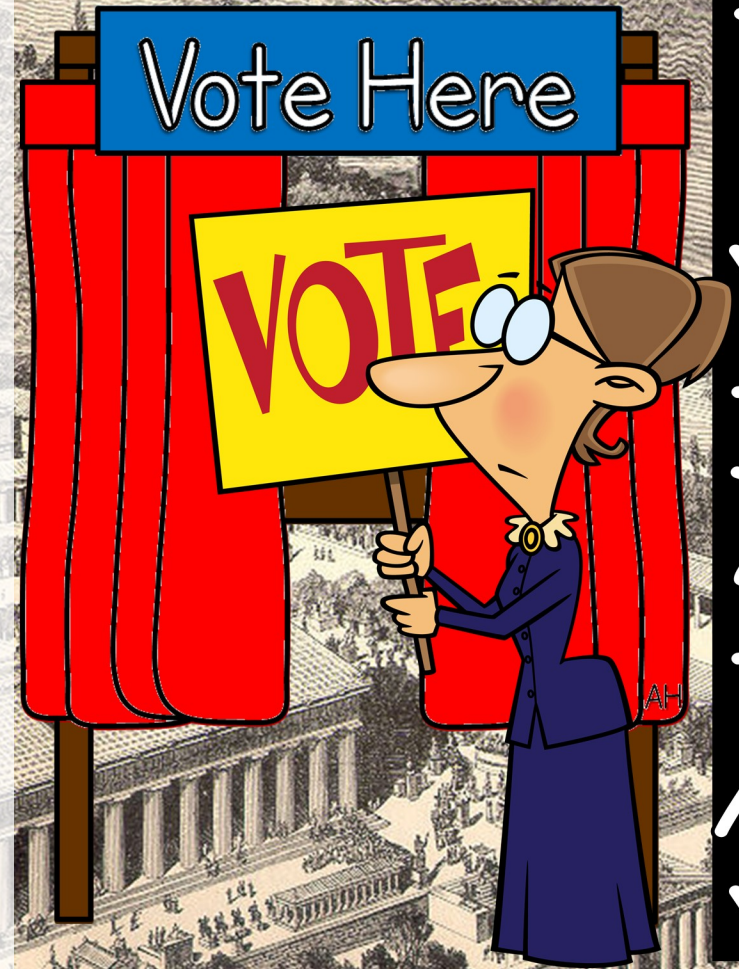
- Only a small portion of the population in each city-state qualified for citizenship
- Qualifications varied from city-state to city-state
- Citizens were usually free men who were born in the city-state and owned land



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- Women, men who did not own land, and slaves were not citizens
- Only citizens had political and legal rights
- Citizens could vote, hold office, own property, and speak for themselves in court
- Citizens were expected to serve in the government



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