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Answer the following questions in your own words.

1. When and where did civilization in the eastern Mediterranean Sea begin? _____

2. Who were the Dorians and where did they come from? _____

3. Which city-states were the most powerful? _____
4. What did Sparta concentrate on? _____
5. Why did Sparta fight against Athens? _____
6. Who ruled Athens during the Peloponnesian War? _____
7. Describe Alexander's empire? How far did it reach? _____

8. What happened after Alexander's death? _____

9. Name a few thinkers and philosophers of ancient Greece. _____

10. Why was Socrates sentenced to death? _____
11. What was the difference between citizens and non-citizens? _____

12. What did men and women in ancient Greece wear? _____

13. What kind of sports did the ancient Greece focus on? _____
14. Describe houses in Ancient Greece? _____

15. Describe the features of Greek gods and goddesses. _____

16. Name a few gods and goddesses. _____
17. What was an oracle and what function did it have? _____

18. How did citizens rule Athens? _____

2

Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

A	jury			a person who is owned by someone else and works for them
B	citizen			to enter a country with soldiers
C	birthplace			piece of clothing
D	conquer			nearby, neighbouring
E	invade			to get control of a country by fighting
F	settle			the reasons you give for why something has happened
G	surrounding			where something is born or starts
H	surrender			group of countries ruled by a king or queen
I	plague			to give someone punishment
J	brick			group of people who decide if a person is innocent or guilty
K	explanation			cloth that is made from the flax plant
L	linen			hard block of baked clay
M	sentence			sport in which two people try to throw each other on the ground
N	slave			illness that can lead to the death of many people
O	wrestling			to find out new things
P	explore			flexible part between your foot and leg
Q	empire			a person who lives in a country and has rights there
R	ankle			to give up in a war
S	garment			to start living in a place

ANCIENT GREECE – EXERCISES

3

Look at the sentences and decide if they are TRUE or FALSE. If they are false write a correct sentence into the box. There are TWO examples at the beginning.

		T	F	Correct Statement
1	Sparta was a city state that had a great army-	✓		
2	Mycenae was a powerful town on the island of Crete.		✓	Mycenae is located on the southern Greek mainland.
3	In 490 The Persians attacked the Greek mainland.			
4	Pericles was one of the great statesmen of Sparta.			
5	Athens was defeated by the Spartan army.			
6	Phillip II was Alexander's successor in Greece.			
7	Alexander the Great conquered Persia.			
8	Most Greek women married at an early age.			
9	Students in Athens concentrated on military training.			
10	Socrates was sentenced to death because he did not want to become a soldier.			
11	Eros was the most important goddess in Greece.			
12	Gods and goddesses spoke to people through oracles.			
13	30,000 citizens were chosen every year to run Athens.			
14	Sparta was the first city to set up a democratic government			
15	Zeus and his wife Hera lived on Mount Olympus.			

4 Put the events into their correct order.

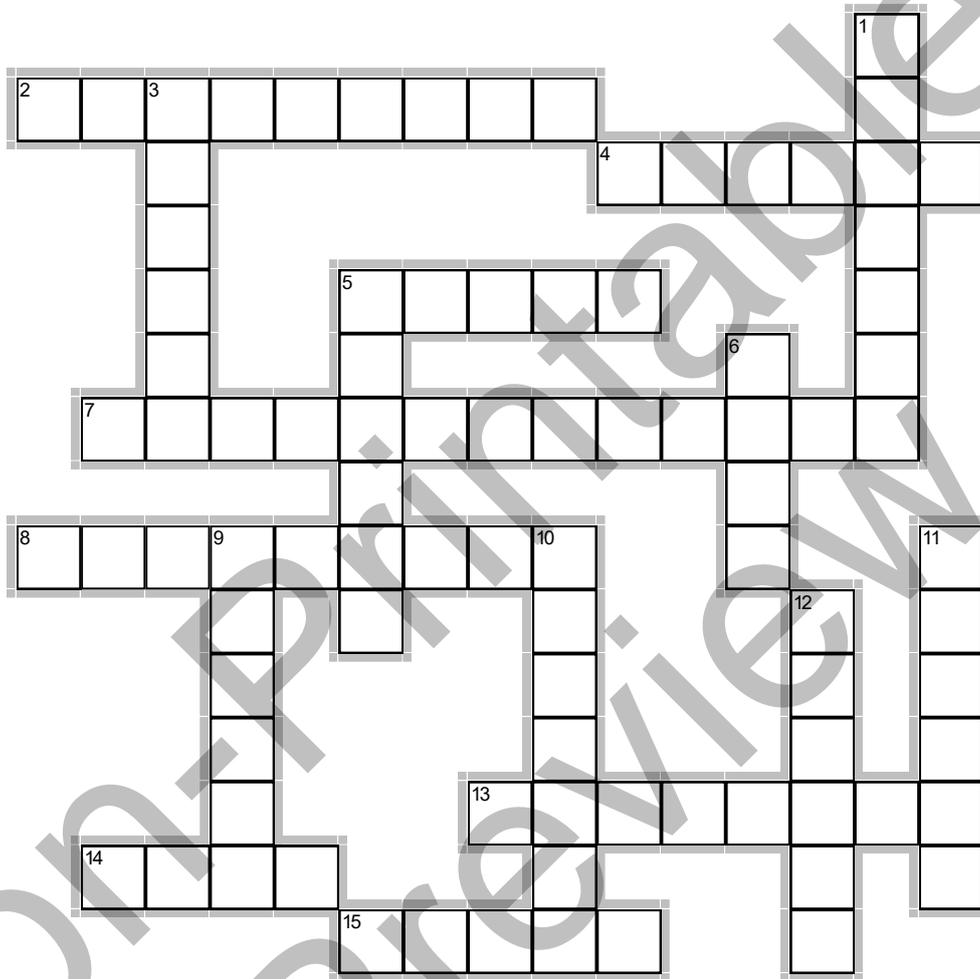
	Darius invaded Greek cities on the Asian coast.
	Alexander of Macedonia came to power in Greece.
1	Minoans settled on the island of Crete.
	The Romans took over Greece.
	Sparta defeated Athens in the Peloponnesian War.
	Dorians and Ionians started building large cities.
	After Alexander's death Greece broke up into many kingdoms.
	Thebes defeated Sparta.

5 Complete the sentences in a meaningful way.

1. Civilization in the eastern Mediterranean began _____
2. The Dorians invaded Greece _____
3. Sparta had a huge army and was only interested in _____
4. Under the rule of Pericles Athens _____
5. When a plague broke out in Athens _____
6. Alexander the Great extended his empire as far as _____
7. After Alexander's death _____
8. In Athens education concentrated on _____

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Crossword



Across

2. powerful Macedonian ruler who extended Greece's influence
4. powerful city state in Ancient Greece
5. person who is owned by somebody else and works for them
7. region between Europe and Africa
8. popular sport in which two people fight by trying to throw each other to the ground
13. powerful ruler of Athens
14. group of people who decide if a person is guilty or not
15. island on which civilization began

Down

1. a person who lives in a country and has rights there
3. group of countries ruled by a king or queen
5. to start living in a place where not many people have lived before
6. most important god in Ancient Greece
9. someone who works on a ship
10. piece of clothing
11. person who performs important church events
12. Greek god of light

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Fill in the words from the box to complete the text. There are **THREE** words you will not need.

In ancient Athens only men were (1) _____. They were allowed to go to council meetings and serve in a (2) _____. Every year 500 new citizens were (3) _____ among the 30,000 men in Athens. Women were not allowed to take part in (4) _____. They had to look after the children and do the housework. Wealthy women had (5) _____ who did most of the work for them.

Only citizens got education. They were taught how to read and write. Teachers also taught them mathematics, music and different kinds of (6) _____, like running and wrestling. In Sparta education was quite different. Boys were trained to become good (7) _____.

Most Greek men and women wore robes made out of (8) _____ or cloth. Sometimes they wore a (9) _____ around their waste. Greek families lived in small houses made of dried (10) _____. Only rich families had more than one room in the house.

Ancient Greece became famous for its (11) _____ and great thinkers, among them Plato, Socrates and Aristotle. They tried to (12) _____ everyday objects. Not everyone believed them. Scientists explored many fields including mathematics, (13) _____ and biology.

People in ancient Greece believed in many gods and (14) _____. There was a god for every aspect of life. In love (15) _____ they turned to Aphrodite, when they wanted to know important things they went to Athena. Zeus was the king of gods. He lived on Mount Olympus with his wife , Hera.

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sports