

Ancient Greece Vocabulary: Part 1

The highest mountain in Greece, where the gods were believed to live.

Agora

A city state in ancient greece.

Metic

A fortified city built on high ground (high fortified hill, often with a temple at the top.)

Constitution

Form of government ruled by many people (either directly or through electing representatives.)

Theocracy

Form of government ruled by one person.

Democracy

Form of government ruled by a few.

Aristocrat

Rule by a person who seizes power and rules as a despot.

Parthenon

Rule by religious leaders or deity (divine being)

Polis

No effective central government, lawlessness and disorder.

Assembly

An absolute ruler, the sole (only) authority.

Strategoi

A member of the upper class, often rich landowners with noble titles.

Monarchy

A member of the state or region

Acropolis

A foreign or alien resident.

Dictatorship/
Tyranny

The principles (way) to which a state or organization is governed.

Oligarchy

Governing body in Athens which met about four times a month.

Anarchy

Generals elected by the assembly to lead the army and the navy.

Citizen

A beautiful temple in Athens, dedicated to Athena.

Mount
Olympus

Ancient Greek market place.

Despot