

Important Dates in Greek History

- 2600 BC: Beginning of the Minoan Period
- 1450 BC: Development of Linear B writing
- 1400 BC: Foundation of Mycenaean Palaces

BRONZE AGE

- 1370 BC: Palace complex at Knossos destroyed. Minoan civilisation comes to an end.
- c.1250 BC: The Trojan War
- 1200 BC: Destruction of Mycenaean Palaces. Doric invasions
- 1000 BC: End of Mycenaean civilisation

IRON AGE

- 776 BC: First Olympic Games
- c.750 BC: The Iliad and the Odyssey composed. Greek alphabet established. Greek colonies established in Sicily and Southern Italy
- 630 BC: Colony of Cyrene established
- 594 BC: Solon renews the laws of Athens.
- 508 BC: Under Kleisthenes Athens becomes a democracy!
- 490 BC: Battle of Marathon: Greece versus Persia I (Greece wins!)
- 483 BC: Athenians discover silver in the mines at Laureion.
- 480 BC: Battle of Thermopylae: Greece versus Persia II. Battle of Salamis
- 479 BC: Battle of Plataea (Greece wins . . . eventually!)
- 477 BC: Athens establishes the Delian League.
- 461–445 BC: First Peloponnesian War: Athens versus Sparta (draw)
- 431–404 BC: Second Peloponnesian War: Athens versus Sparta (Sparta wins.)
- 430 BC: Plague in Athens
- 429 BC: Death of Pericles
- 415 BC: Athenian expedition to Sicily defeated
- 399 BC: Socrates tried and executed
- 359 BC: Philip II becomes king of Macedonia.
- 356 BC: Alexander the Great born
- 331 BC: Alexander the Great defeats the Persians at Gaugamela and becomes the new King of Persia!
- 323 BC: Death of Alexander the Great
- 322 BC: Death of Aristotle