



The first people lived in Greece at around 3000 BC, on the island of Crete.



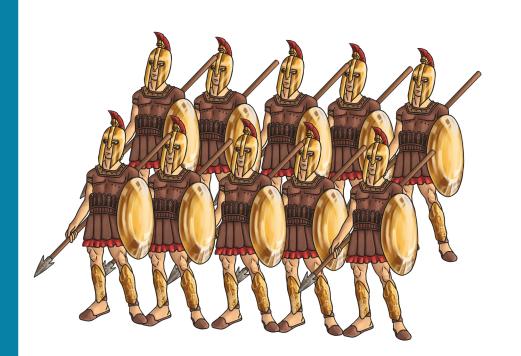


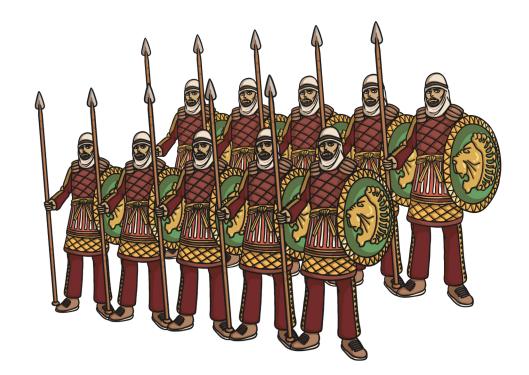
The first Olympic Games were held in 776 BC at the Greek city of Olympia.





The Greeks fought many battles against the Persian Empire, which is now Iran and Afghanistan. One of the wars lasted 10 years.







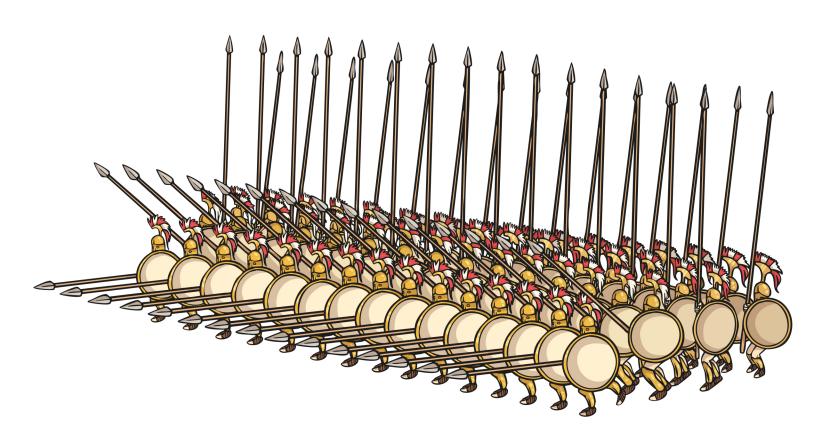
The battle of Marathon is one of the most famous Greek victories. They won a war with 10,000 men against 20,000 Persians.







Sparta had the best trained army. The Spartans were strict and trained very hard.





A Spartan boy would start training to be a soldier at age 7. They were trained to fight, steal food and live in the wild.





The Marathon is named after the battle of Marathon. It is the same distance a man named Pheidippides ran to tell Athens of their victory.





The Ancient Greeks started the theatre. Only men or boys could perform and the crowd could reach over 15,000 people.





The Ancient Greeks had slaves. Some of the richer families had around 50 slaves. Slaves had no rights and did all the hard work.



