

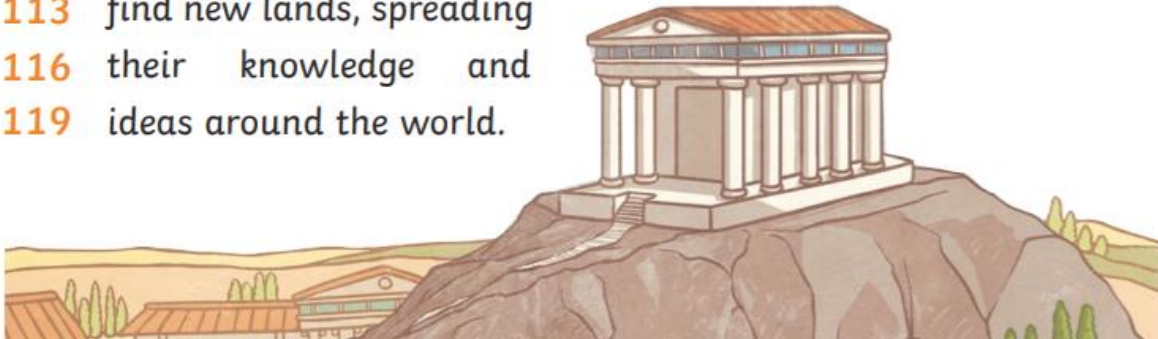
# Reading activity 4

# Who Were the Ancient Greeks?

**11** Greece was one of the most important places in the ancient  
**20** world – there is evidence of settlers from around 40,000BC,  
**28** but the influential period was around 2,500BC onwards.  
**36** These ancient Greeks were fantastic thinkers, writers, actors,  
**42** artists, athletes, warriors, architects and politicians.

**51** The Greeks called themselves 'Hellenes' and their land was  
**62** 'Hellas'. The name 'Greeks' was given to the people of Greece  
**72** later by the Romans. They lived in mainland Greece (which  
**80** was split into city-states including: Athens, Sparta, Corinth  
**90** and Olympia) and the Greek islands, but also in colonies  
**97** scattered around the Mediterranean Sea, including: Italy,  
**104** Sicily, Turkey, North Africa, and even France.

**109** They sailed the sea to trade and  
**113** find new lands, spreading  
**116** their knowledge and  
**119** ideas around the world.



# Quick Questions



1. What was the true name of Ancient Greece?

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2. Which word tells us that the Ancient Greeks were spread out?

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3. Name four things the Ancient Greeks were talented in.

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4. How were the Ancient Greeks influential?

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