

# Ancient Greece Year 3

An Introduction to Ancient Greece



Project 2 – Everyday Life

The following slides give you information about five different types of Ancient Greek people

ORDINARY MEN  
& WOMEN

RICH MEN

RICH WOMEN

RICH ATHENIAN  
BOYS

SLAVE



# LIFE FOR ORDINARY GREEK MEN AND WOMEN



Grew crops such as grapes, figs and olives. Oil from the olives was used for cooking and oil lamps.

Men worked outside, such as farming, pottering, fishing and sailors.

## WOMEN

In their home, however, Greek women were in charge! Their job was to run the house, make the clothes, and bear children.

Ordinary women had a bit more freedom than the richer women.

Both shared chores such as selling crops on the market.



## LIFE FOR A RICH MAN



Men went to a gymnasium at the age of 18, where they developed their physical and intellectual skills.

Men entertained their male friends at popular parties. The women and children ate in different rooms.

Men were given the most responsibility, therefore considered the most important people in Ancient Greece.



Men ran the government, and spent a great deal of their time away from home. When not involved in politics, the men spent time in the fields, overseeing or working the crops, sailing, hunting, in manufacturing or in trade.

For fun, in addition to drinking parties, the men enjoyed wrestling, horseback riding, and the famous Olympic Games.

Men cut their hair short and, unless they were soldiers, wore beards.



# LIFE FOR A RICH WOMAN

Girls from rich families learnt how to read and write to become good housewives.



Married at 14 years old.



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Not allowed to go outside without their husband. Given very little freedom.

Their job was to run the house and bear children.

Did not do any housework, as they had slaves.



# LIFE FOR RICH ATHENIAN BOYS



Boys went to school so that they could be trained in the arts and prepare them for war.

Started school at 7 years old at a private school.

Learnt two important things;

The word of Homer (famous Greek epic poet)

How to play the lyre.

Girls were not able to attend schools. Boys had a good education throughout their years, until the age of 20.





# LIFE FOR A SLAVE

Slaves played a big part in the ancient Greek way of life and were treated like pets by some.

They either worked at their masters house cleaning, cooking and tutoring the children.

Or worked in the mines, shops or on the triremes.

They were given a new name by their master and not allowed to use their own name.

Slaves were not allowed to go to school.

They were property of their owner and not citizens of Greece.



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You should **choose** one of the following tasks to demonstrate your learning about everyday life in Ancient Greece

Create a **fact file** with a section for each role in Ancient Greek life

OR

Imagine that you are one of these types of people in Ancient Greece. **Create a diary entry** about what your day is like.

Remember – You could work with your adults at home to research further information about any of these aspects of Ancient Greek life