

ANCIENT ADVENTURES: GREECE LIGHTNING!

ANSWER KEY

Discussion Questions

Directions: After reading the adventure, discuss the questions below with the listeners.

1. What was the climate of ancient Greece like? How did that affect the way people lived?

Greece has what is known as a Mediterranean climate, generally warm and mild all year round. They grew olives and grapes and typically were able to farm year-round.

2. Which gods were probably the most important to the ancient Greeks?

Zeus, Athena, Poseidon, Hera... Accept a variety of student answers.

3. What was the market-place of a Greek city-state called? What activities went on there?

The marketplace of a Greek city-state was known as an agora. Goods were bought and sold.

4. What was the name of the hill in Athens where many Greek temples were located? What did these temples look like? Have these temples influenced the way we construct buildings today?

The hill was known as the Acropolis. Many of the temples had tall columns. Some of our monuments and government buildings in Washington D.C. are patterned after ancient Greek temples. Accept a variety of student responses.

5. In which city-state were the Olympic Games held? Who did the games honor? Compare the ancient Olympic events with modern ones.

The ancient Olympic Games were held in Olympia, Greece to honor Zeus, the king of the gods. Accept a variety of student response when comparing the ancient and modern Olympics.

6. Name two forms of Greek drama? Describe each. Which kind would you most enjoy?

Two forms of Greek drama included comedies and tragedies. Accept a variety of student responses regarding which form they would enjoy most.

7. The Minoans were an ancient civilization that lived on which island?

The ancient Minoans lived on the island of Crete.