Study Guide: Ancient Greece

My Test is on: _____

- 1. Islands, mountains, and a peninsula are the landforms that make up Greece.
- 2. The Mediterranean Sea is located south of Greece.
- **3.** Compare and Contrast Sparta and Athens. (*You should know more than what is below) Sparta: warrior society, suspicious of outsiders, farmed and stole what they needed. Athens: Trading society, curious, valued both physical and mental strength.

4. How did geography effect the development of city-states in Greece?

The rugged geography and mountains of Ancient Greece isolated people. Those who lived close to one another banded together to form city-states for protection and for economic reasons. City-States functioned like independent countries. Greek people felt loyalty to their city-state instead of Greece.

5. What are the 4 types of Government? Describe them.

- 1. Monarchy: rule by a king who passes power down to his son
- 2. Oligarchy: rule by a few people
- 3. Tyranny: ruled by 1 person; a tyrant who took over by force.
- 4. Democracy: rule by the people

6. Know what an aristocrat, tyrant, citizen, and king are.

Aristocrat: rich landowner

Tyrant: military leader who takes over the government by force. Citizen: a person who belongs to a city-state and can participate in government. King: ruler who will pass power on to their son.

7. How was democracy practiced in Athens?

Democracy was practiced in Athens through direct democracy where every citizen was allowed to vote and speak in the assembly. *Remember only free adult men were citizens.

8. How is US democracy different from Athenian democracy?

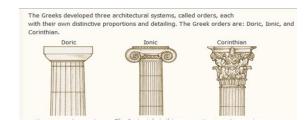
US democracy is representative democracy. We elect representatives who vote on most issues and laws.

9. What did the Athenians think about physical and mental strength?

Athenians believed it was just as important to be mentally strong as physically strong.

10. What are the 3 types of columns?

Doric: Ionian: Corinthian:



11. Who was Socrates? What were some of his ideas?

Socrates was a great philosopher. . He taught by asking questions.

12. Myths are stories that attempt to explain how the world works.

13. The Greeks believed their gods lived on **Mt. Olympus**. There were many gods but the king of the gods was **Zeus**. The Greeks were **greatly influenced** by their religion and would often ask the gods for advice when making major decisions by consulting an oracle.

14. The **Persian Wars** were between Greece and the Persian Empire. Athens and Sparta formed an alliance to win the war. Cyrus the Great was the creator of the empire.

15. The **Peloponnesian War** was between Athens and Sparta or the 2 leagues. Sparta was afraid Athens was getting too powerful. Sparta won and ruled for 30 years, but then Greece **became weak** as city-states fought against each other for dominance, and **Macedonia was able to conquer them.**

16. **Alexander the Great** was a military leader, king, and student of Aristotle. After his father conquered and united Greece, Alexander invaded the Persian Empire. He created the largest empire the world had seen and **spread Greek (Hellenic) culture** throughout the ancient world (cultural diffusion) creating a new type of culture called Hellenistic Culture.

17. What are some **contributions** of Ancient Greece?

- Democracy (voting, juries, assemblies)
- Architecture (3 columns, buildings, temples, Parthenon): Many important buildings around the world look like Greek buildings including the US Supreme Court and the Lincoln Memorial.
- Epic Poetry, fables, lyric poetry, tragedies, and comedies. (Homer, Sappho, Aesop)
 - Epic Poems: long stories about heroes. (Homer: Iliad and Odyssey)
 - Fable: a story with animals as the characters that teach a lesson or moral. (Aesop)
- Philosophy: Socrates, Aristotle, and Plato
 - Socrates: questioning
 - Plato: justice and fairness
 - Aristotle: one of the greatest thinkers, use reason to make decisions.
- The Olympic Games
- Mythology