

Teaching Notes for the Ancient Greek Adventure

Hardware requirements:

Windows PC, sound card and headphones, printer and an Internet connection.

The adventure is suitable for use on an interactive whiteboard or for full class use from a network installation.

To run on an individual PC, open the CDROM and click the Greek_Adventure icon.

Installation on a server is dealt with by a self-executing installation routine that also includes a routine to remove the software. Open the CDROM and click the Greek_Adventure_Setup icon.

The Ancient Greek Adventure is targeted at Years 5 and 6 in Key Stage 2. It should require between three and four hours to complete.

The simulation begins with a film that illustrates features of modern Greece. This is followed by ten questions that are based on the film. Successful completion provides a code that unlocks access to the next section of the adventure.

There are nine further sections and a survival game to complete the adventure that helps pupils to assess their learning.

Each section contains a few hundred words of information. This text contains hyperlinks to pictures and occasionally websites, which are opened within the program. There are quizzes and exercises to reinforce and to embed learning. Completion of these exercises provides a code that allows access to the next section of the "adventure". In this manner, pupils build up their knowledge in a logical and predictable manner.

When and Where provides information on the geographical location of Greece and places it within an historical time frame. It is followed by a drag and drop quiz.

Farming and the Countryside provides details about these topics. There is a drag and drop exercise about the farmer's year that has the facility to print off the information. Please note that the boxes are **all** in the correct order, so all the student has to do is to directly transpose them. Learning from the Farmer's Calendar drag and drop exercise can be used to open and complete a Word document from within the program.

Athens and Sparta contrasts life in the two largest and rival city states of Ancient Greece. It contains a glossary of terms and there are drag and drop questions to embed learning.

Living in Athens provides information about living in the towns of Ancient Greece. There are ten true or false questions to embed learning.

Growing up in Athens and Sparta looks at similarities and differences as well as an implied comparison with the experience of modern childhood. There are nine drag and drop questions to embed learning.

Clothes and Fashion is followed by a six question “What would you Wear?” quiz. Learning is embedded by feedback being offered after each attempt by students.

Gods and Goddesses provides detailed information on the most important of the deities of Ancient Greece. There are ten questions, where students choose between two answers.

The Theatre and the Olympic Games provides drag and drop questions to embed learning and the access code to the next section.

Science, Medicine, Festivals and Oracles contains ten questions, where incorrect responses reset the score to zero if any answer is incorrect.

War and Warfare provides learning about the nature of warfare in Ancient Greece as well as details of significant battles. There are nine drag and drop questions to unlock the access code to the Survival Quiz.

The Survival Quiz consists of thirty questions, with each one offering three choices of possible answers. In order to survive pupils have to answer all thirty correctly to “survive” by applying their knowledge of the period.

Finally, students have access to a page that they can personalise with their name prior to printing a certificate of completion.

The access codes for each section are:

To access the Main Menu, bypassing the introductory film: Ctrl + G together

Farming and the Country side:	Shift + G
Athens and Sparta	Shift + R
Living in Athens	Alt + R
Growing up in Athens and Sparta	Ctrl + E
Clothes and Fashion	Shift + E
Gods and Goddesses	Ctrl + Alt + C
The Theatre and the Olympics	Shift + Ctrl + C
Science and Medicine	Ctrl + Alt + E
War and Warfare	Ctrl + Shift + E
Survival Game	Ctrl + Alt + P