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## An Outline of Ancient Greek History

<p>Mythic Greece (BC 1000 – 2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trojan War (12 – 13BC)</li> <li>• Homer – Iliad and Odyssey</li> <li>• Oral language</li> <li>• Greek mythology</li> </ul>
<p>Archaic Greece (BC 800 – 480)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greek city-states</li> <li>• Greek alphabet</li> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Sculpture</li> <li>• Ancient Greek warfare</li> <li>• Hoplite in phalanx formation</li> </ul>
<p>Classical or Ancient Greece (BC 510 – 323)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enlightenment Period</li> <li>• Socrates</li> <li>• Plato</li> <li>• Aristotle</li> <li>• Autonomy from Persian Empire</li> <li>• Democratic Athens</li> <li>• Expansion of Macedonia</li> </ul>
<p>Hellenistic Period (BC 323 – 31)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancient Greek word “Hellas” was the name of Greece or a Greek tribe</li> <li>• Hellenic — Greek territories; Hellenistic — Greek culture</li> <li>• Greeks called themselves Hellas, later Graikoi (Greeks) and Rhomaioi (Romans). All Greeks were Roman citizens after 212 AD</li> <li>• Degeneration</li> <li>• Stoicism, epicureanism, Euclid, Archimedes</li> <li>• New Gods</li> <li>• Hellenistic kingdoms</li> <li>• Language: Koine Greek</li> <li>• Greek colonialization in Mediterranean and Asia Minor</li> </ul>

Roman Greece; Roman Empire (BC 27 – AD 286)	BC 753 – 509	Roman kingdom
	BC 509 - 27	Roman Republic
	BC 330	Alexander invaded Achaemenid Empire
	BC 146	Archean War —— Romans conquered Greece
	BC 41	Death of Julius Caesar;
	BC 31	Battle of Actium —— End of Ptolemaic Kingdom
	BC 27	Octavian (Caesar Augustus, BC 63 – AD 14) First Roman Emperor (BC 27 – death)
	BC 27 – AD 286	Roman Empire Pax Romana
	AD 286	Emperor Diocletian set up two administrative systems, one on the east and one on the west, each with a senior emperor (Augustus)
	AD 313	Emperor Constantine I legalized Christianity
	AD 330	Constantine moved capital to Constantinople
	AD 395	Emperor Theodosius divided the empire between his two sons, Honorius and Arcadius.
	AD 395 – 476	West Roman Empire
	AD 480 - 1453	East Roman Empire
AD 1254 – 1806	Holy Roman Empire (Kingdom of Italy, Germany, Burgundy, Bohemia)	