

# Ancient Greece

## Goals & Objectives

At the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Understand how geography and landforms shaped Greek civilization and city-states.
- Explain what the Minoans and Mycenaeans have in common, and how they were different.
- Explain how democracy developed in Athens, and the meaning of oligarchy, tyrant, and citizens.
- Understand how ancient democracy differs from modern democracy in the United States today.
- Describe the main gods and heroes in Greek mythology, as well as the major themes in Greek literature.
- Identify the Persian wars, as well as Cyrus the Great, Darius I, and Xerxes I.
- Understand how the Greeks used force and military strategy to succeed.
- Explain the differences between the cultures and values of Athens and Sparta, and what led to the Peloponnesian War.
- Identify Alexander the Great and the Macedonian Empire, and how Greek culture spread throughout North Africa and Asia.
- Understand Greek achievements in art, architecture, and philosophy.