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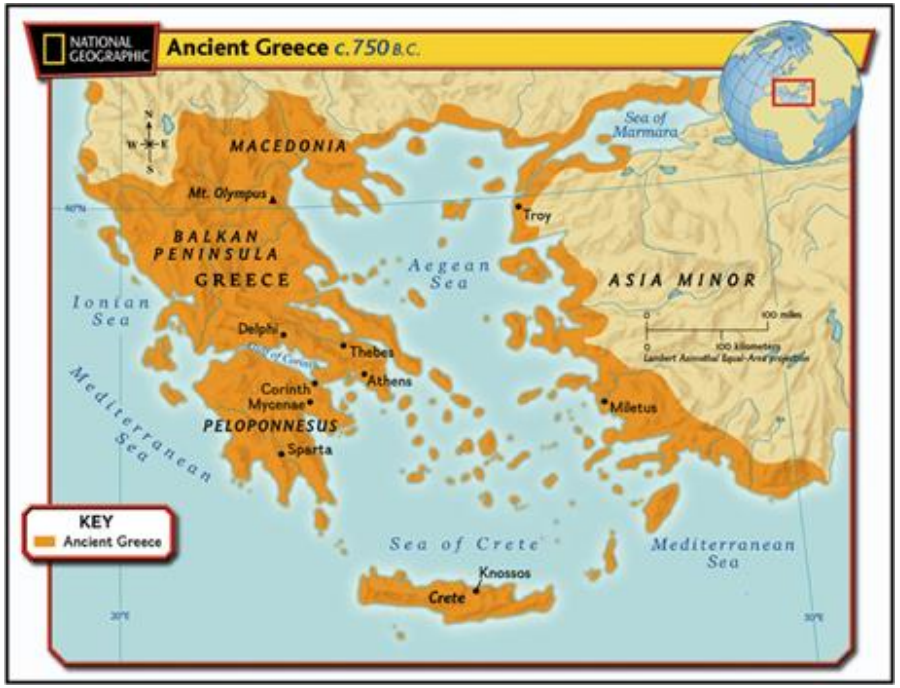
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KEY VOCABULARY

Athens – the capital city of Greece
CE/BCE – Common Era/Before Common Era
architecture – the way buildings are designed and built
colonies – a group people of one nationality living in another place
democracy – a country ruled by the people, where citizens vote
empire – a group of countries ruled by one country
government - Any group of people living together in a country has to live by certain rules. The system of rules and the people who make and administer them is known as a government.
legacy – something that is passed down from someone who came before
marathon – a long distance (26 miles) running race, based on the story that a messenger ran from Marathon to Athens with the news of victory in the Persian wars.
philosophy - It means "love of wisdom." Philosophy is the study of some questions about human life.
Sparta – a city of Ancient Greece
temple – a building devoted to the worship of a god.
Olympic Games – sports events originally from Ancient Greece, now held every four years.



Map of Ancient Greece

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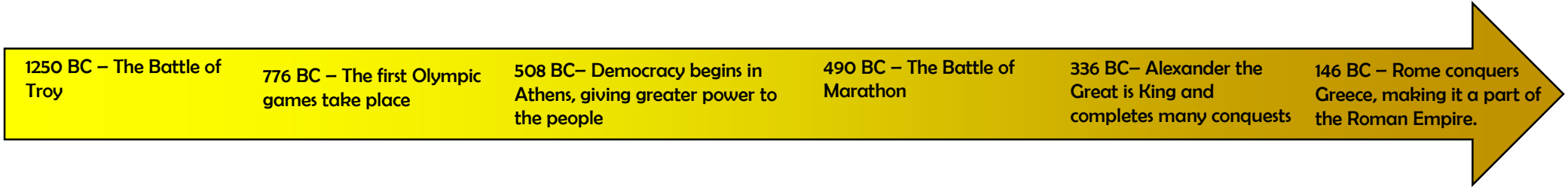
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Greece is located in Southern Europe, between Albania and Turkey. It consists of a large mainland, two smaller peninsulas and a large number of islands. Some of the most well-known islands include Crete, Rhodes and Corfu. 80% of Greece is mountainous.	About 2,500 years ago, Greece was one of the most important places in the ancient world. The Greeks were great thinkers, warriors, writers, actors, athletes, artists, architects and politicians.	In ancient times, Greece wasn't a single country like it is today. It was made up of lots of smaller states. These states were always squabbling and often went to war but Sparta and Athens joined together to fight against Persia.
 **Map of Europe with Greece in red**	 **Pottery from Ancient Greece**	 **Sparta and Athens Soldiers**
The Trojan War	**The Olympic Games**	**How did Ancient Greeks change the world?**
The Trojan War was a legendary conflict between the early Greeks and the people of Troy in what is now Turkey. It was said to have taken place more than 3,000 years ago.	The history of the Games goes back around 3,000 years in Ancient Greece. Sports contests organised at Olympia took place every four years and acquired the name Olympic Games.	Even after 3,000 years, we're still using ancient Greek ideas in maths, science and art. Our alphabet is based on the Greek one. Check a dictionary and you'll find hundreds of words that come from the Greek language.
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