



WORKSHOP SUMMARY

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Ancient Greece and the Edenauts

In Ancient Greece, tyrants have placed the small town of Eden under siege and are demanding that the town's people give away their precious olive groves. Your class joins the Edenauts on a journey across Ancient Greece where they must complete several challenges in order to rally the support of the gods and the protection of the 300 warriors of Sparta. Can the Edenauts save their beautiful town?

How long? Two hours

Who? Year 5 – 6 History.

Where? The Core classroom and Mediterranean Biome.

Children will:

- Describe what day to day life was like for people in Ancient Greece. How did they use plants for food, clothing and materials?
- Understand how important mythology was to the Ancient Greeks and meet some of the important characters.
- Explain how ways of thinking about the world developed in Ancient Greece

Curriculum Links

In the National Curriculum for History, pupils should be taught about Ancient Greece, studying Greek life, their achievements and their influence on the western world.

In the Inspire Curriculum at year 5, pupils should explore Ancient Greece through Theatre, Myths, and Logic identifying what we have learned from the Greeks and how their culture can influence us with ideas, even today.

What Happens?

Your students are placed in the thick of the action as residents of the besieged Ancient Greek town of Eden. Zeus agrees to help the Edenauts, but only if they can complete the various challenges set for them by the Gods of Olympus.

They journey through the Mediterranean Biome completing a series of challenges based around Greek mythology, plants and daily life in Ancient Greece. Each challenge tests a different skill – sensory, musical, physical, scientific thinking, observational and proprioception.

Back in the classroom the students have to crack a puzzle using the objects they have collected from Ancient Greece. They must then engage in a democratic process to decide what to do about the tyrants and communicate their decision to Zeus with some help from the musical genius, Orpheus.

Practicalities



Please ensure your group is divided into workshop teams, each with an adult helper.

Our Education Team will lead your workshop session, but the participation of your staff is essential to the success of our programmes. We provide all the equipment for the workshop.

Our programmes are focussed learning experiences; they do not provide a general introduction to Eden Project, so please allow sufficient unstructured exploration time for your students during your day.

Additional information is on our website
www.edenproject.com

Before you come

- Go to www.edenproject.com/visit/whats-here/mediterranean-biome
- to get a sneak preview of what you might expect to see in the Mediterranean Biome.
- Research the Gods of Olympus, their different personalities and why they were important to the people of Ancient Greece.
- Investigate the clothing worn in Ancient Greece and visit us in costume!



Follow up

- Plan a big banquet using foods common in Ancient Greece. You could play a big game of Kottabos and play Ancient Greek music. You could try crushing your own grapes to make grape juice!
- Read or role play some of the famous Ancient Greek myths such as the stories of Hades and Persephone or Perseus and Medusa.
- Research some of the most important plants from Ancient Greece and how they are still used today. There is lots of information to be found about olives, grapes and lavender at www.edenproject.com
- Get the students to make their own class set of musical rainbow bottles as used in the workshop. You can pull in numerous learning points from across the curriculum with this activity and it's great fun. These bottles are easily stored and can be used as a resource in a multitude of ways during future lessons.

Useful websites

- The following websites contain lots of useful information for students about what life was like in Ancient Greece. www.historyforkids.net/ancient-greece.html
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_greeks/
- Useful teaching resources about Ancient Greece can be found on this website www.primaryresources.co.uk/history/history5.htm
- The guardian has collected together lots of useful ideas and resources to help you teach about Ancient Greece. www.theguardian.com/education/teacher-blog/2013/sep/24/how-to-teach-ancient-greece