



History

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Ancient Greece

While the ancient Greeks lived in separate city-states, most shared a common language, culture and belief system. This series explores life in Athens and Sparta and beliefs and practices about war and death.

Athens and Sparta

Athens and Sparta, the leading city-states of ancient Greece, helped to establish many of the ideas and concepts we take for granted: citizenship; voting; and individual rights and freedoms. This program provides insight into the values of each city-state by examining their attitudes toward: education, entertainment, military training, and crime and punishment. Key groups within Athenian and Spartan social structures are discussed, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens and women in each city-state are compared.

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Additional resources

- Citizenship Then and Now
- Comparing City-States
- Design an Athenian Pot
- Greek Terminology



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- Key Groups in Athens
- Key Groups in Sparta
- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Program

War and Death

While the Ancient Greeks lived in separate city-states, most shared a common language, culture and belief system. This program examines the way their beliefs and values about warfare and death influenced daily life. Specific rules of engagement, battle manoeuvres, naval warfare, beliefs about death, and funerary customs are explored in detail. This resource is ideal for any close examination of the common practices and rituals of ancient Greece.



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Additional resources

- Comprehension Questions
- Funeral Customs
- Funeral Job Application
- Greek Gods and Goddesses
- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Program

The Black Death

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What is the Black Death?

The outbreak of the Black Death in the 14th century decimated populations across Europe, Asia and Africa. This program looks at: the symptoms of the disease, how it was caused and transmitted, and the role poor living conditions and a lack of medical knowledge played in its fast and far-reaching spread. Prevailing and sometimes bizarre beliefs about its causes and cures are discussed in this stylised and at times gruesome presentation which is sure to capture viewer attention.



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Additional resources

- Comprehension Questions - Advanced
- Comprehension Questions - Basic
- Create a Poster
- Diagram of Symptoms
- Disease Transmission Flowchart
- Strange Causes and Cures Table
- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Program

Impact of the Black Death

As well as a high mortality rate, the Black Death affected many aspects of society. This program examines its impact on: religion, feudalism, farming, urban life, the arts, and minorities in Europe; the economic and political consequences of the disease in Asia; and the socio-economic impacts in North Africa and the Middle East. Filled with unique examples, this is an informative and accessible look at the far reaching effects of the Black Death.

ACDSEH071, ACDSEH072

Additional resources

- Comprehension Questions - Advanced
- Comprehension Questions - Basic
- Analysing Sources of Evidence
- Cause and Effect Table



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- Writing a Personal Account
- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Program

Spread of the Black Death

This program takes a detailed look at the spread of the Black Death in the 14th century. From its theorised origins in Asia, we trace its movement along the famous Silk Road trade route to Europe. This 'golden age of trade' provided the ideal conditions for the rapid transmission of the disease via caravans and ships, while attempts to escape it only further contributed to its expansion. Excellent maps and graphics will help audiences to follow this relentless and pervasive epidemic along its devastating journey.

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Additional resources

- Map the Spread
- Researching Epidemics
- Timelines



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- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Program

Behind the Scenes

Filming of The Black Death series required a specialised prosthetic make-up artist. The artist researched historical and medical sources on the plague's symptoms and appearance to bring to life the horror and devastation of this sweeping epidemic.

