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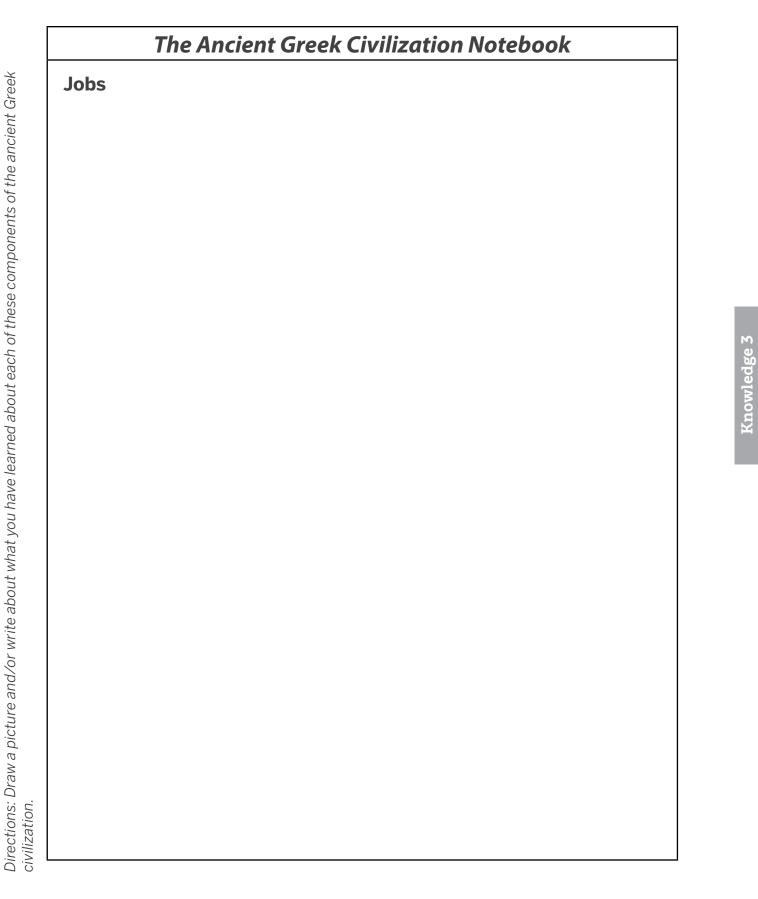
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Dear Family Member,

Over the next couple of weeks, your child will learn about the ancient Greek civilization, a group of people whose contributions can be seen in many areas of our lives today, specifically in our democratic government. Your child will be introduced to the geography and gods and goddesses of this civilization. S/he will also learn about the city-states of Sparta and Athens and the very first Olympic Games held in honor of Zeus.

Below are some suggestions for activities that you may do at home to reinforce what your child is learning about the ancient Greek civilization.

1. Draw and Write

Ask your child to draw and/or write about what s/he is learning about the ancient Greek civilization, such as the gods and goddesses who were believed to live on Mount Olympus or the first Olympic Games. Ask questions to help your child use the vocabulary learned at school.

2. Sayings and Phrases: "Where There's a Will, There's a Way"

Your child will be learning the saying "where there's a will, there's a way." Talk with your child about its meaning. Share moments in your life when you or someone you know has accomplished something because of great determination or a strong will.

3. Words to Use

Below is a list of words that your child will be learning about and using. Try to use these words as they come up in everyday speech with your child.

- *rugged*—Although the rugged terrain of ancient Greece made farming difficult, the olive tree was one hardy plant the Greeks were able to grow in abundance.
- *massive*—The ancient Greeks imagined that the god of the sea, Poseidon, was massive in size and strength, for they believed he could make the earth quake and the waves crash upon the shore.
- grove—The ancient Greeks believed that at the request of the goddess Athena, the goddess Demeter made each grove of olive trees grow strong for the Athenians.
- *sacred*—The city of Olympia was a sacred place; the ancient Greeks gathered there to honor the gods with games and worship.
- *self-discipline*—The people of Sparta were known for their self-discipline, for they spent their lives training for battle and did not allow themselves any luxuries.

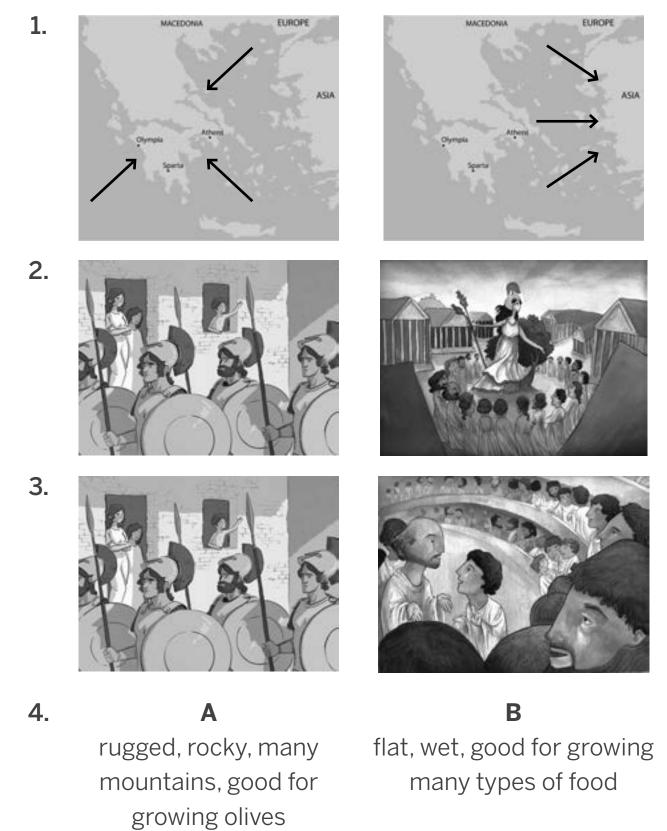
4. Read Aloud Each Day

• It is very important that you read with your child every day. Set aside time to read to your child and also time to listen to your child read to you.

Be sure to let your child know how much you enjoy hearing what s/he has learned at school.

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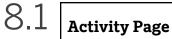


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6.	Greek god or goddess:	
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Dear Family Member,

I hope your child is enjoying learning about the ancient Greek civilization. Over the next several days, s/he will learn more about the contributions of this civilization, as well as the significance of the Battles of Marathon and Thermopylae. S/he will also be introduced to the Greek philosophers Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, and to the conqueror Alexander the Great. Your child will also write a fictional narrative using what s/he has learned about ancient Greece.

Below are some suggestions for activities that you may do at home to reinforce what your child is learning about the ancient Greek civilization.

1. Draw and Write

Have your child draw and/or write about what s/he is learning about the ancient Greek civilization, such as Pheidippides's marathon run or the Greek philosophers. Ask questions to help your child use the vocabulary learned at school.

2. Sayings and Phrases: "Practice What You Preach"

Your child will be learning the saying "practice what you preach." Talk with your child about its meaning. Share moments in your life when you or someone you know has lived his/her life in the same way that s/he has told others they should live.

3. Words to Use

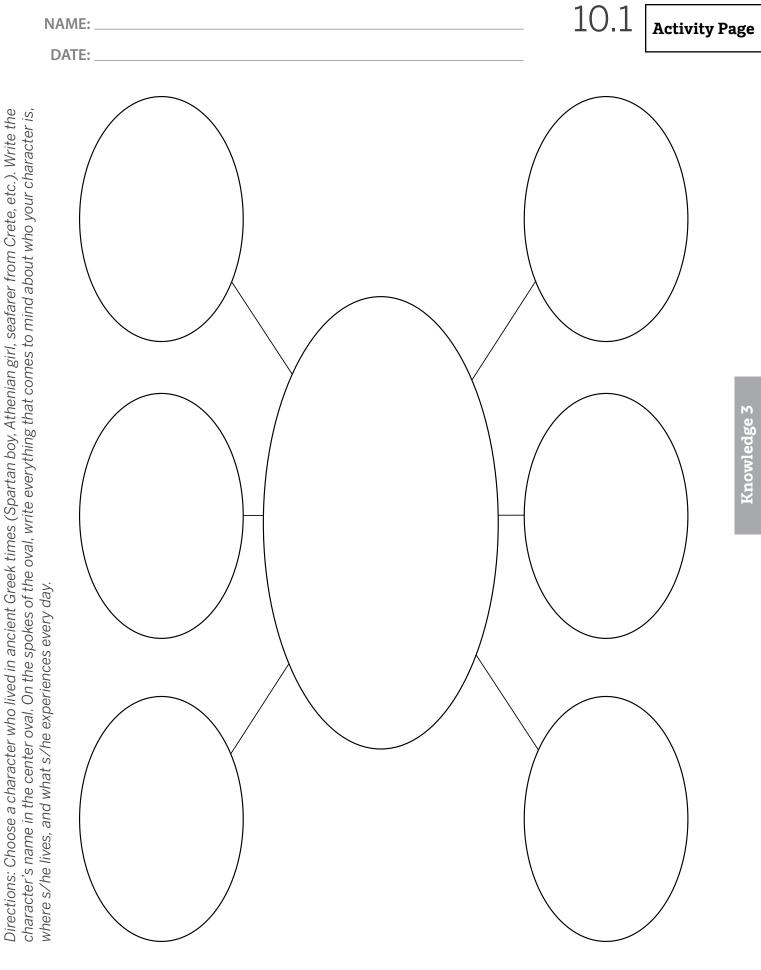
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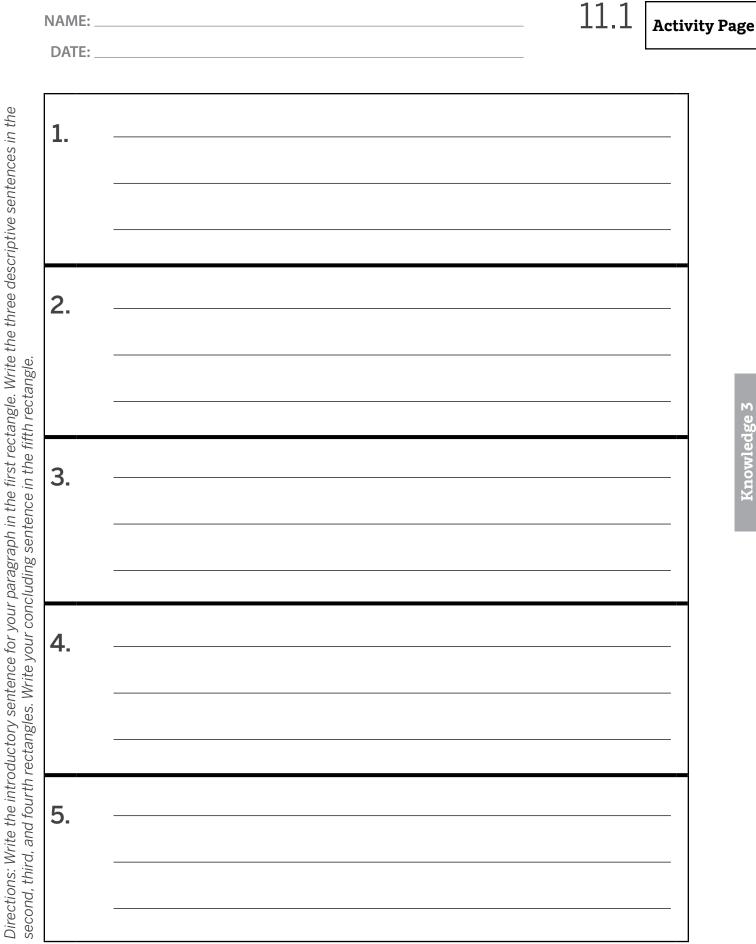
- *marathon*—The ancient Greeks honored Pheidippides for his twenty-six-mile marathon run.
- *channel*—Swimming through the cold waters of the English Channel has been a challenge for many long-distance swimmers.
- *philosopher*—Socrates was known as a famous Greek philosopher.
- *ambitious*—Alexander the Great was an ambitious leader who had a strong desire for success.
- *flung*—The Olympic champion flung his disc farther than anyone else.

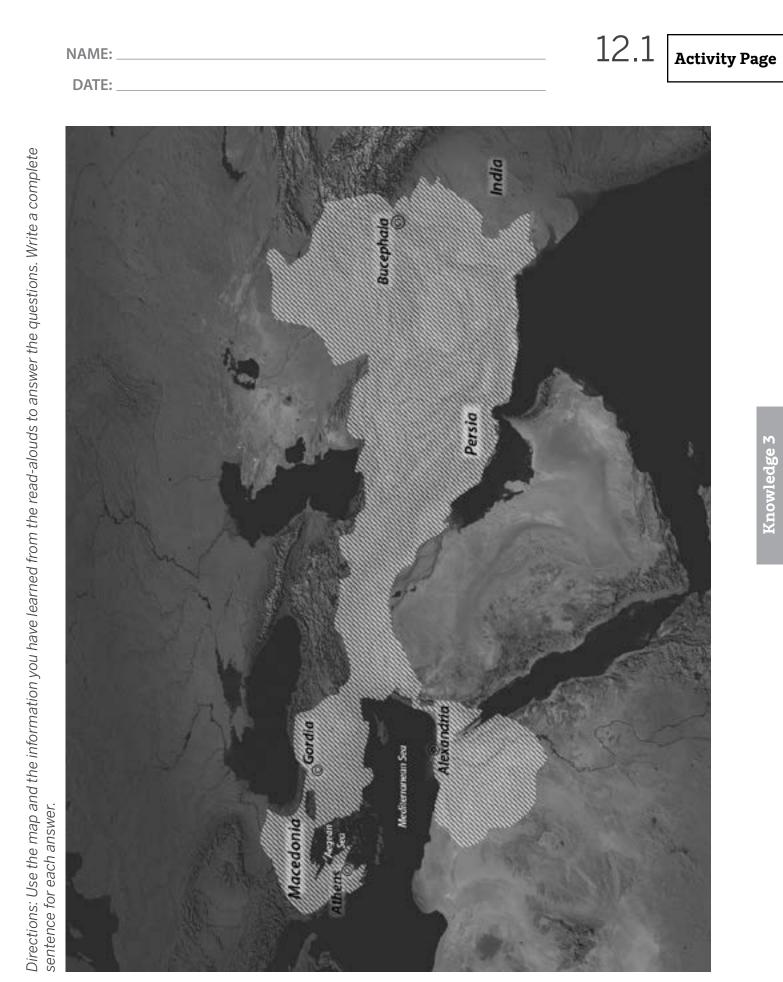
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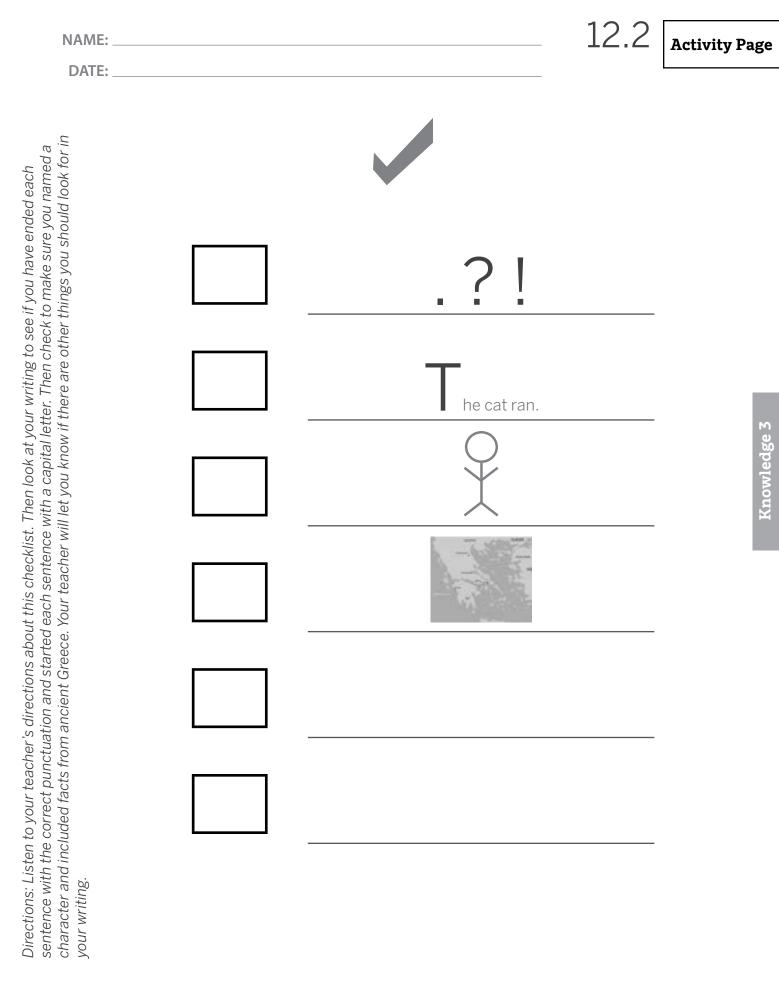
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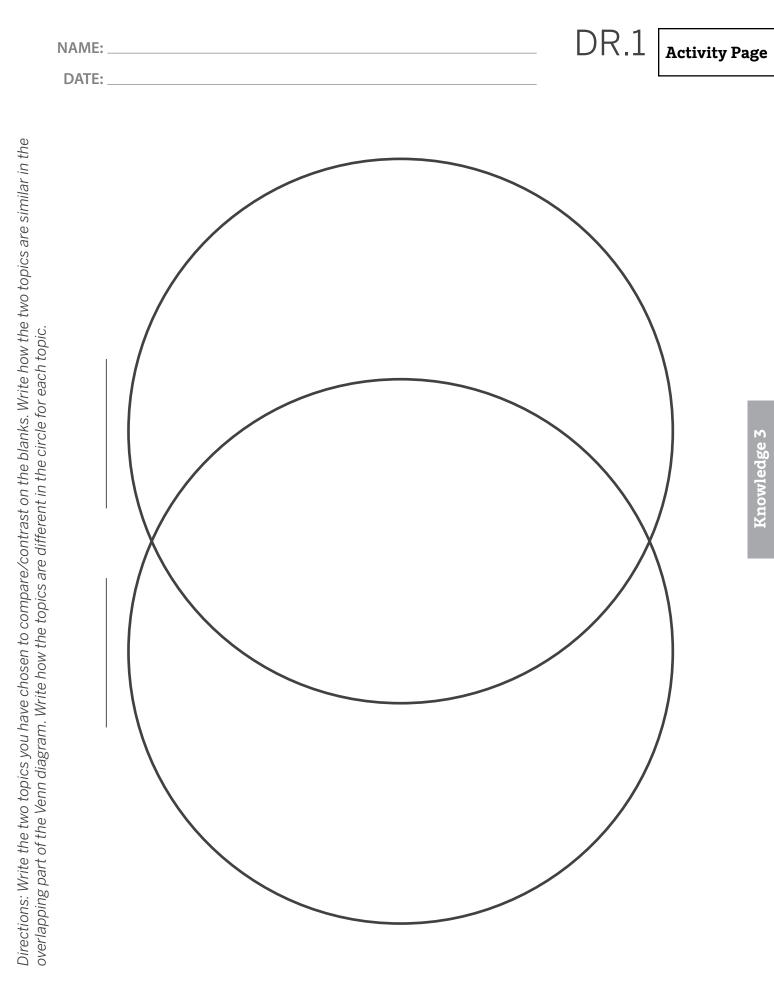
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Alexander the Great's Empire

1. What does the shaded area stand for on the map?

2. Which area of land was larger: the area where the ancient Greek civilization existed, or the area that Alexander the Great conquered?





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Directions: Listen to your teacher's instructions.

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			DA.2 Assessment
1.	Athena	Zeus	Apollo
2.	Zeus	Hermes	Athena

3. Aristotle	Alexander the Great	Plato
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4. Marathon Athens Thermopylae

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1. Choose one of the Greek gods or goddesses you have learned about, and write/tell me something special about him or her.

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2. What is one contribution that the ancient Greeks gave to the rest of the world? Be sure to describe it.

Directions: Listen to your teacher's instructions.

3.	If you could meet one of the people you learned about,
	whom would you choose? Why?

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4.	How were Sparta and Athens different?
5.	What was the most interesting thing you learned about the ancient Greek civilization?

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