Students will learn the broad outlines of the political, social and cultural history of the Greeks from the Bronze Age through the death of Alexander the Great, including the relationship of the Greeks to other Mediterranean and Near Eastern civilizations, the nature of the Greek polis, Greek colonization, the rise of democracy, a comparison of Athenian, Spartan, Theban, and Macedonian bids for leadership in Greece, and the importance of democracy in explaining the artistic and intellectual creativity of Greek civilization.

Learning Objectives

- broad outline of Greek history from Bronze Age to Alexander
- relationship between Greek culture and other Mediterranean and Near Eastern civilizations
- the nature of the Greek polis (city)
- Greek colonial practices
- The Greek form of democracy