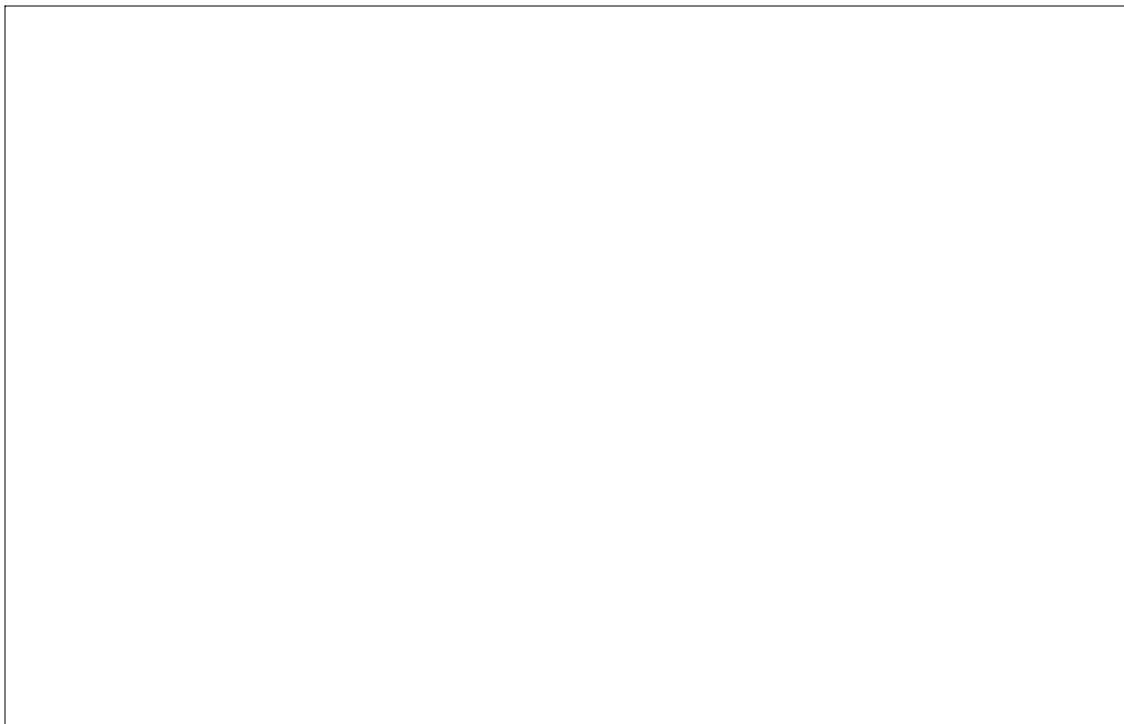


GREECE (life in ancient Greece, rites, practices, traditions, their roots and evolution) (3 days computer lab, 2 days present)

Assignment: In Groups students will make presentations on Greek life. The class will create a 3D version of the Greek world and each group will spend no less than 10 minutes presenting about pre-selected aspects of the Greek way of life, i.e. Group one will have to present about athleticism, group 2 will be talking about sacrifice, group three about education, etc. All of the words and sentences I have written below are to be used by you as search terms on the internet when you do your research.

The world according to the Greeks is a disc covered by an overturned bowl and simultaneously surrounded and transected by a great body of water. The stars are etched inside the bowl and should one venture beyond the Pillars of Hercules, he/she would fall off the face of the earth.

Use the space below for an illustration of the Greek world.



Greek Notions of Race

Barbaroi

Language “bar-bar”

Bohemii

Pale skin and height was mocked

Blood Closer to skin made Africans dark

Moirs (Fate)

Acceptance of vs. defiance of (as in the case of Oedipus)

Oracles

Delphi, navel of the world, is the city of Oracles (Young Girls) and poisonous gases escaping from the mountain side. Priests act as interpreters in exchange for payment

Art

Art is realistic but not naturalistic. It is the synthesis of thought and beauty, not an accurate depiction of what's actually happening. Example: Discus Thrower.

Architecture

Columns

Doric

Ionic

Corinthian

Music

Every citizen taught music in elementary school

Music played at ALL social occasions

Education

Role of Education is to breed better citizens necessary for a functioning democracy

Schools

Create useful citizen by moral instruction

Gymnasium

Elementary schools

Subjects

Teacher #1

Gymnastics, games, fitness

Teacher #2

Music, works of Lyric poets

Teacher #3

Reading, writing, arithmetic, memorization of literature (homer) to help in moral training

Languages

Teachers were paid higher wages than skilled workers, received gifts from citizens. Music teachers were paid the highest.

Politics

Polis

Tyranny

Democracy

The Long Arm of The Law

Ostrakon

Denied burial

Sexuality

Clandestine Heterosexual unions in Sparta

Homosexuality, yes, what you've heard is true, the Greatest civilization in History practiced homosexuality....in fact it became institutionalized! openly

Gender Roles

Female

Misbegotten Men
Spartan Women are men
Pandora myth equates Christian Eve stigma

Male

Ajax vs. Odysseus, Brawny jock vs. silver tongued lawyer. Which one was considered more noble?
Achilles with Hector's body, pride and humility.
Spartan boys
 Laconia
 Fox in shirt

Health/Hygiene/Fitness

Olympics

Javelin
Running
Boxing
Wrestling
Equestrian events
Long jump
Discus
Archery
Fencing
Throwing the weight

Married women forbidden to watch sporting events, because single girls go to admire and meet men

Bathing

Oil
Scrapers

Animal Sacrifice

The invocation, same as invocation at beginning of epic poems, Oh, great so and so...
Barley grain thrown
Water sprinkled on animal's head
The kill
Throat is cut
Women begin to wail...like they do at funerals FOR MONEY!
Small animal bled over the altar
Large animal bled into saucer and than on altar
Thighs wrapped in fat, cuts from each appendage burnt on altar fire, meat left for priests at feet of god statue...because even a priest has to eat.
Libations
 Wine and honey
The feast
Entrails are skewered and roasted and eaten
Meat is cut up, boiled and distributed and taken home or eaten right there. Entrails and burned and meat read for omens ---Augury

Death

Carcass

Laying out of the body

Cortege- women wailers

Interment

Pyre

After-life

Hades

“Better a day laborer on earth working for a man of little property than
all the host of the dead”

lord of

Dead are witless sufferers

Sisyphus

Tantalus

Elysium

Pythagorean cycle of rebirth

Platonic Sleep