

Study Guide – Greece

Name _____

Be familiar with the meaning of the following words:

dominant –more powerful

mythology – a collection of myths, or traditional stories, handed down from generation to generation

decimal system – a counting system based on the #10

strategic – of great importance

epic- a long story, poem

acropolis – a fort built on a hill

agora- an open-air market and gathering place in many many ancient Greek city-states

oligarchy- a system in which a small group controls the government

aristocracy- a wealthy ruling class

democracy- a governing system in which a country's people elect their leaders and rule by a majority

policy- a plan of action

barbarian- the name given to outsiders by the ancient Greeks and later by the ancient Romans

league- a group of allies

patron- a wealthy person who pays artists or writers to produce their works

tragedy- a serious play with an unhappy ending

comedy- a play written to make an audience laugh

plague- a deadly sickness or disease

demagogue- a bad leader

academy- a school offering instruction or training in a special field

diffuse- to spread and scatter widely

expedition-a journey or an explanation

legacy- anything handed down from an ancestor

scholar-a person seeking knowledge

Be familiar with the following:

- the Mycenaeans, and who influenced them

- the people of Troy (Trojans), and how we learn about them today

- Sparta, and their military culture

- Athens, especially the “Golden Age”

- Pericles and his influence on government

- the philosophers: Socrates, Plato and Aristotle
Socrates-
Plato-
Aristotle-

- Alexander the Great, his training and his accomplishments

- the term “Hellenistic” and the mythological person named Hellen