**ANCIENT GREECE GENERAL INFORMATION AND TIMELINE**

* Historians generally break Ancient Greece into three periods:
  + Archaic period-
    - Rise of city-states
    - Beginnings of theatre and philosophy
  + Classical period
    - Introduction of democracy
    - Athens and Sparta begin the Peloponnesian Wars
    - Alexander the Great begins conquering western Asia and most of Europe
  + Hellenistic period
    - After death of Alexander the Great, Greece loses power
    - Eventually conquered by Rome
* Archaic Period-
  + First Olympics take place to honor the god Zeus.
  + Homer begins to write the epics- *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey.*
  + A lawyer named Draco introduced strict new laws that are punishable by death- called the Draconian Laws.
  + First coins are introduced.
  + Pythagoras is born- makes advances in science, math, and philosophy.
  + Democracy is introduced by Cleisthenes who established a constitution.
* Classical Period-
  + Greeks and Persians begin the Greek/Persian War- famous battle was Battle of Marathon.
  + Theatre becomes an important part of Greek life.
  + The Parthenon is completed on the Acropolis in Athens.
  + Peloponnesian Wars begin between Athens and Sparta.
  + Socrates put to death.
  + Plato starts the first university in the world- called The Academy.
  + Aristotle begins tutoring a young man named Alexander.
  + Alexander the Great begins his conquests of the ancient world and founds the city of Alexandria in Egypt.
* Hellenistic Period-
  + Greek Civilization begins to decline after the death of Alexander the Great.
  + Euclid, a mathematician, writes *Elements,* which influences our math today.
  + Rome conquers Greece and makes it part of the Roman Empire.