**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.