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Beginners



# Ancient Greeks



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# AN ANCIENT

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GREECE IS A HOT COUNTRY IN SOUTHERN EUROPE.

THE ANCIENT GREEKS LIVED THERE ABOUT THREE THOUSAND

THOUSAND YEARS AGO. MANY GREEK TOWNS WERE NEAR THE  
SEA THE BOATS CARRIED PEOPLE FROM PLACE TO PLACE



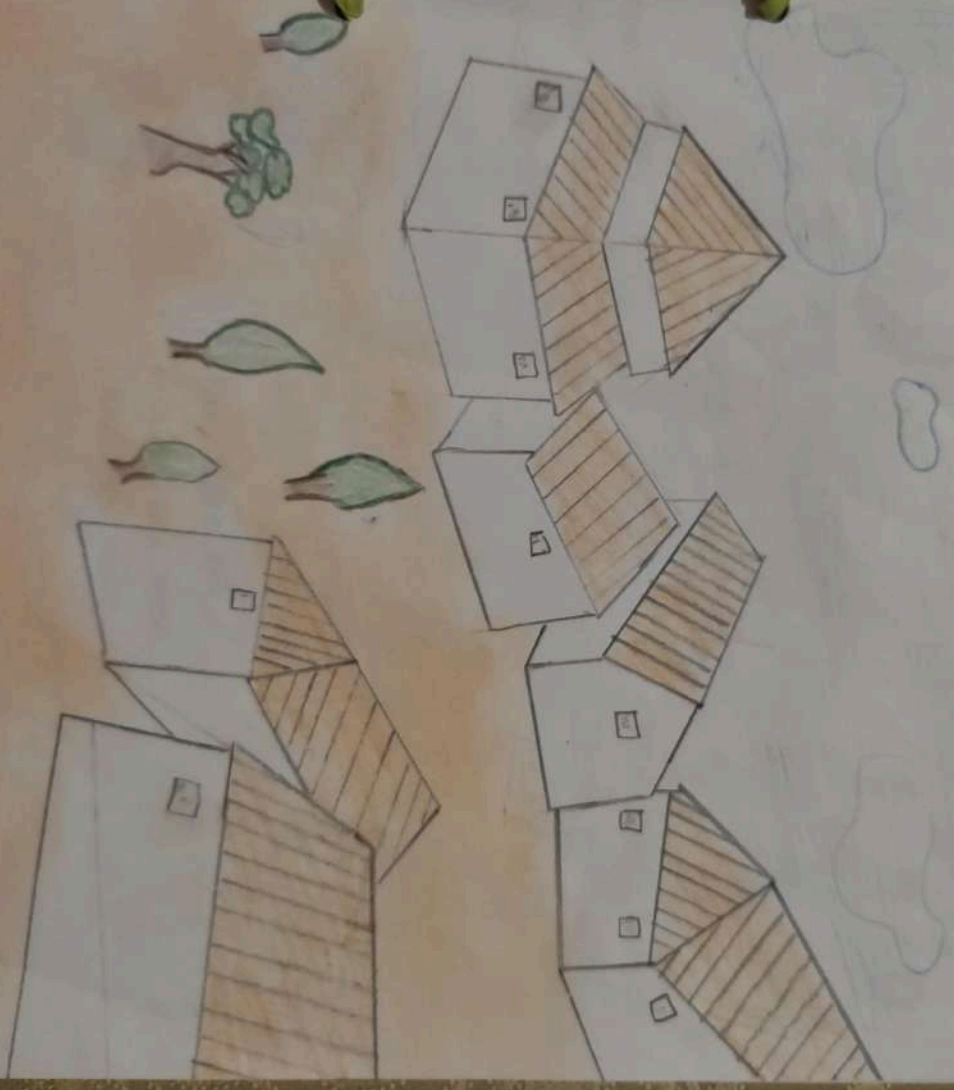
# LIFE IN

## GREECE

SOME GREEKS LIVE IN BUSY  
TOWNS OR CITIES  
OTHERS LIVE FAR OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE  
THIS IS HOW A SMALL GREEK TOWN  
MIGHT HAVE LOOKED



TEMPLES AND OTHER  
IMPORTANT BUILDINGS  
STOOD ON HILLS  
GREEK HOUSES WERE  
MADE OF WOOD AND  
MUD BRICKS.



# CLOTHES AND FASHION

THE GREEKS LIKED TO WEAR SIMPLE, LOOSE

~~THE~~ CLOTHES KEPT THEM COOL.



WOMEN ALWAYS

WORE LONG TUNICS

CALLED CHITONS.



THEY WORE LONG OR

SHORT TUNICS, OFTEN

WITH A CLOAK.



RICH WOMEN HAD

EARRINGS LIKE THESE,

MADE FROM GOLD.



# WHAT PEOPLE ATE

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MOST GREEK PEOPLE ATE LOTS OF VEGETABLES,  
FRUIT AND OTHER FRESH FOODS.

THIS GREEK CLAY MODEL

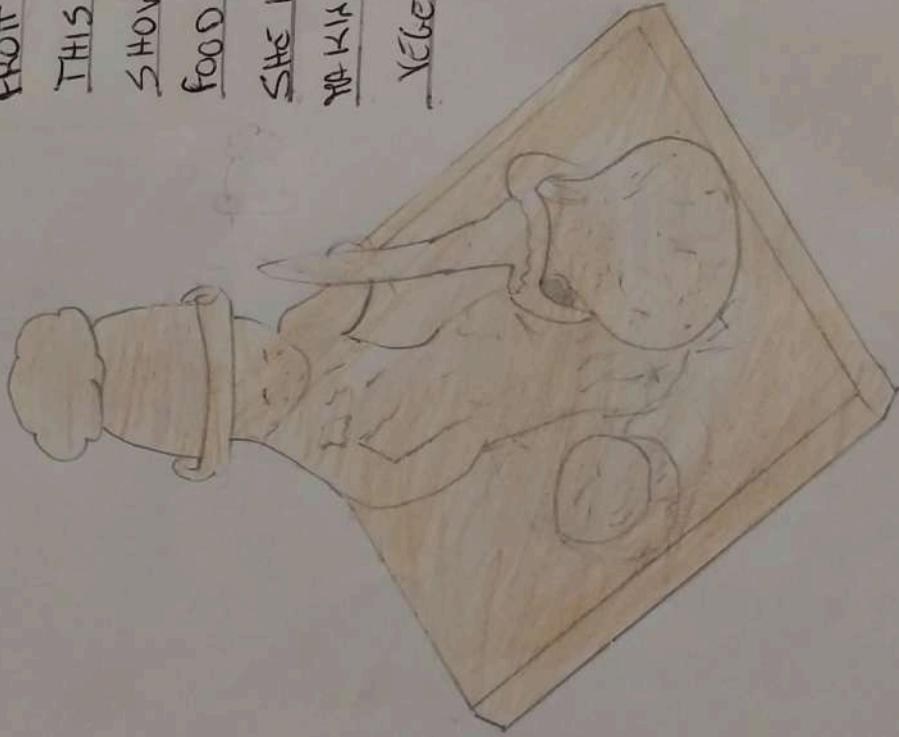
SHOWS A WOMAN STIRRING

FOOD IN A BIG POT.

SHE IS PROBABLY

MAKING A FISH OR

VEGETABLE STEW.





OFTEN PEOPLE KEPT  
A FEW GOATS AND  
SHEEP FOR THEIR MILK

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THERE WERE PLENTY OF  
OLIVES TO KNOCK DOWN  
FROM OLIVE TREES



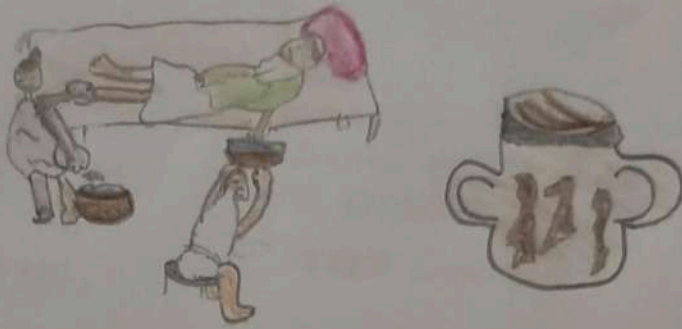


# A TRIP TO MARKET

THE MARKET WAS THE BUSIEST PART OF EVERY ANCIENT GREEK TOWN. AT THE MARKET THERE WERE LOTS OF STALLS SELLING FRESH FOOD. PEOPLE STOOD AND CHATTED WITH FRIENDS OR HAD MEETINGS. THE GREEKS PAID FOR THEIR SHOPPING WITH SILVER COINS LIKE THESE. SLAVES STOOD ON A ROUND PLATFORM, WAITING TO BE SOLD. CRAFTSMEN SOLD ALL KINDS OF POTS FROM THEIR WORKSHOPS.

# FEAST AND FUN 8

AT  
STOOD  
A  
FORM,  
THE GREEKS LOVED TO HAVE BIG FEASTS.  
USUALLY THESE PARTIES WERE JUST FOR MEN.

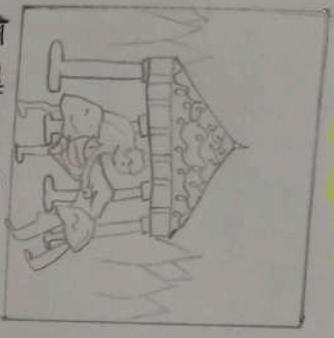


AS VISITATORS ARRIVED, SLAVES WASHED THEIR  
HANDS AND FEED.



EVERYONE ATE PLENTY OF MEAT, FISH, CHEESE  
AND VEGETABLES, THEN FRUIT AND CAKES.

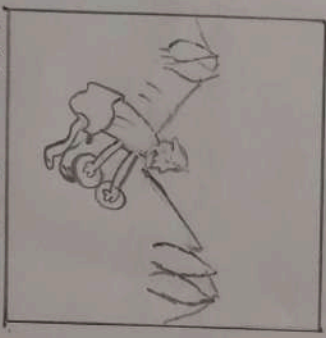
# THE OLYMPIC GAMES



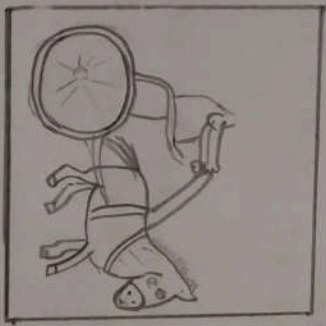
AT THE ANCIENT OLYMPIES THERE WERE WRESTLING MATCHES.



SOME ATHLETES HURLED A DISCUS AS FAR AS THEY COULD.



ANOTHER POPULAR OLYMPIC SPORT WAS THE HIGH JUMP.



HEY RACED AROUND A TRACK IN CHARIOTS PULLED BY HORSES.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES  
BEGAN IN OLYMPIE,  
IN ANCIENT GREECE.  
THEY WERE MADE  
UP OF MANY SPORTS.  
THEY STILL EXIST TODAY.

THESE RUDNERS ARE  
TAKING PART IN THE  
MODERN OLYMPICS.

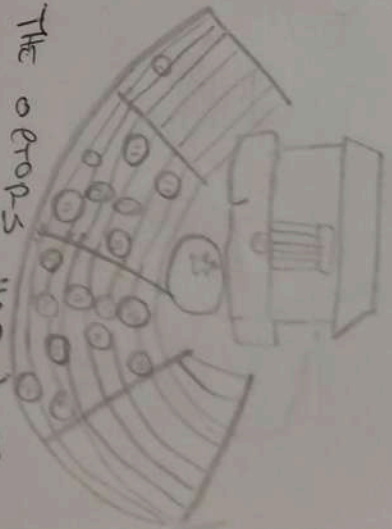


# GREEK PLAYS

MANY GREEKS ENJOYED GOING TO SEE PLAYS,  
WHICH WERE SHOWN OUTSIDE.



PEOPLE SAT IN ROWS  
SIDE SEAT.



THE SEATS HAD LOTS  
OF SPACE TO PERFORM

PEOPLE WATCHED PLAYS HERE IN  
THEATERS.  
YOU CAN STILL SEE SEAT AND PART OF THE STAGE.