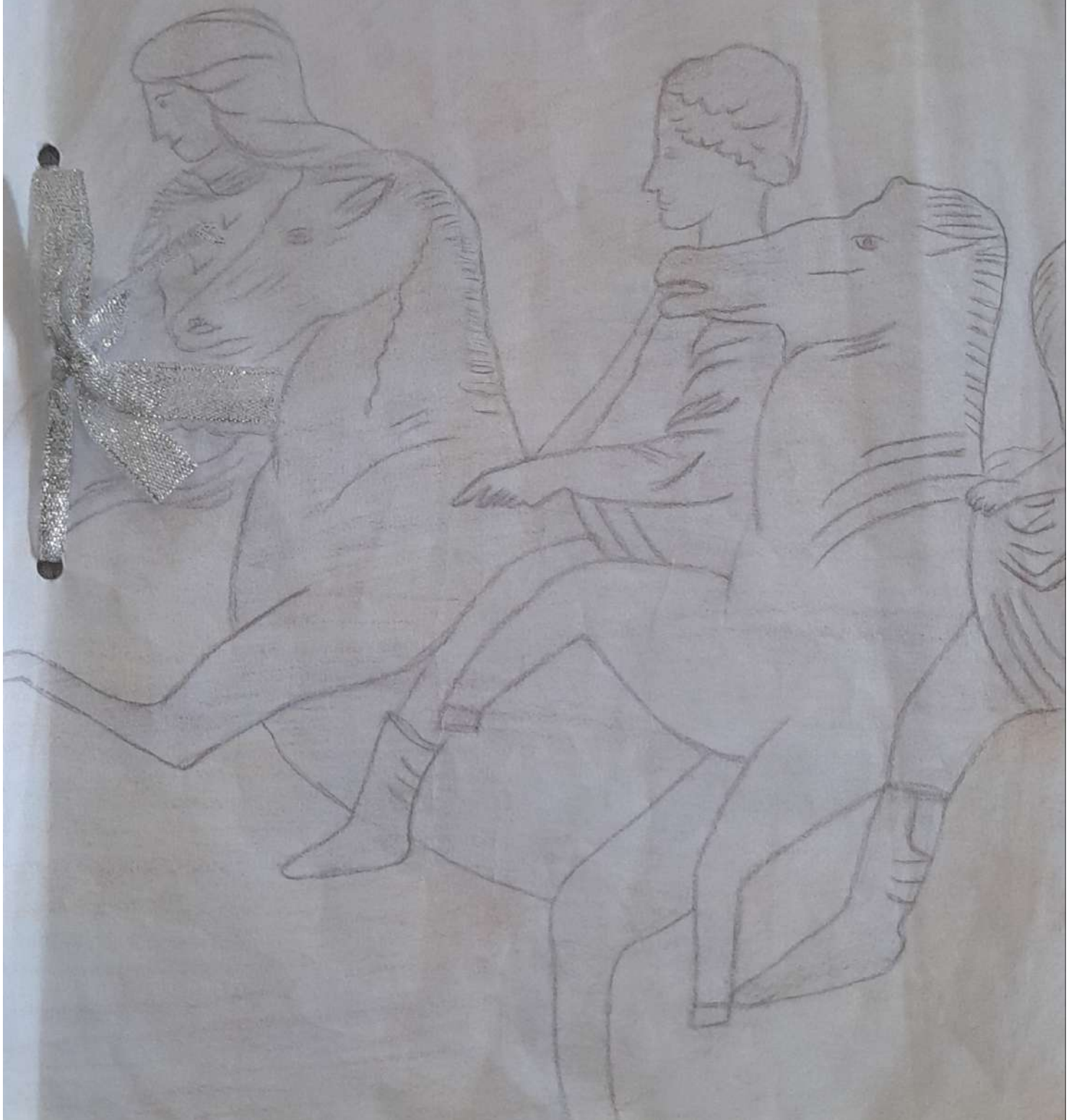


Ancient Greeks



AN ANCIENT LAND

Greece is a hot country in southern EUROPE
The ancient Greeks lived there about three thousand
years ago

Many Greek towns were near the sea. The boats carried
people from place to place



LIFE IN GREECE

...Some Greeks lived in busy towns or cities.

Others lived far out in the countryside
this is how a small Greek town might
have looked



Temples and other
important buildings
stood on hills

Greek House
these made of wood
and mud bricks

Rich people had slaves to do the
housework for them

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Clothes and Fashion

The Greeks liked to wear simple, loose clothes that kept them cool



Women always wore long tunics called chitons



Men wore long or short tunics, often with a sash



Rich women had earrings like these, made from gold



WHAT PEOPLE ATE

Most Greek people ate lots of vegetables, fruit and other: fresh food.

This Greek clay model shows a woman stirring food in a big pot.

She is probably making a fish or vegetable stew.

• Farmers grew crops that were used for making bread.

• Often people kept a few goats and sheep for their milk.

• People who lived near the sea caught fresh fish to eat.

• There were plenty of axes to knock down from olive trees.

• Poor people just ate lumpy porridge made from flour and water.





The Greeks believed in many gods and goddesses, and told hundreds of stories about them

This is a statue of Artemis, the Greek goddess of hunting

She lived in the forest and hunted animals with arrows



GODS AND GODDESSES



The Olympic Games

The Olympic Games began in Olympia, in ancient Greece. They were made up of many sports. They still exist today.

These summers are taking part in the modern Olympics.

At the ancient Olympics there were wrestling matches.

Some athletes held a discus as far as they could.

Another popular Olympic sports was the long jump.

Men raced around a track in chariots pulled by horses.

The modern Olympics are held all over the world. Only the best athletes take part.



Greek Plays



Many Greeks enjoyed going to see plays, which were shown outside.

People sat in rows on stone seats.

The actors had lots of space to perform.

People watched plays here in ancient times. You can still see seats and part of the stage.

Greek actors wore masks to show what their characters were like. This mask shows a funny old man.

Some plays were tragedies. These had a sad ending.

Other plays were comedies, which made people laugh.



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