

Knowledge Organiser- Ancient Greeks Philosophy and Alexander the Great- Year five

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Philosophy	The word comes from the Greek language and means 'love of wisdom'. It is the study of difficult questions about human life and questioning the world.
Empire	A group of countries with one leader, sometimes control of these countries was taken by force.
Gordian Knot	Legend says that the 'Gordian Knot' was a knot with so many twists and turns that nobody could untie it. The people believed that whoever could untie it would have the world as his kingdom.
Hellenism	Greek language and culture before the Romans invaded Greece 31BCE.



Alexander the Great built an empire.

<u>Philosophers</u>	
<p>Socrates: He asked lots of questions. People came from all over Greece to listen to him speak. He never wrote any of his ideas down.</p>	
<p>Plato: He was a student of Socrates. He wrote Socrates ideas down and came up with his own ideas too. He wrote a book called 'The Republic'.</p>	
<p>Aristotle: He was a student of Plato. He said the goal to life was happiness and came up with the idea of 'The Golden Mean'; a belief in moderation.</p>	

