

# Welcome!

## Grade 2, Domain 3

### The Ancient Greek Civilization

In this unit, students will be introduced to an ancient civilization whose contributions can be seen in many areas of our lives today.

#### What's the story?

Students will explore how **Greece contributed to democracy** and how its ideals are still used in many governments today, including their own.

#### What will my student learn?

Students will learn about **gods** and **goddesses** of the **ancient Greeks**, explore places like **Sparta** and **Athens**, and be introduced to philosophers such as **Socrates** and **Plato**.

Students will work to **collect** and **synthesize information** as they read, and they will work independently to **write an opinion piece** based on what they have read. They will also explore **fictional writing** as they use the writing process to **develop a piece of their own**.

#### Conversation starters

Ask your student questions about the unit to promote discussion and continued learning:

1. What is a civilization?  
**Follow up:** How did the land affect how the ancient Greek civilization developed?
2. Name one of the gods or goddesses you have been reading about.  
**Follow up:** What is he/she the god/goddess of? What adjectives would you use to describe that god/goddess?
3. What events were included in the first Olympic Games?  
**Follow up:** Which event would you have participated in? Why?
4. You learned about the word *democracy* in this domain. What is a democracy?  
**Follow up:** How did Athens come up with the idea of democracy?