SCIENCE	PHILOSOPHY	LITERATURE
<ul> <li>GREEKS WANTED TO         LEARN HOW THE         HUMAN BODY WORKS.</li> <li>MADE ADVANCES IN         MANY FIELDS:        </li></ul>	• PHILOSOPHERS TRIED TO FIGURE OUT HOW PEOPLE COULD BE	• WROTE TIMELESS CLASSICS
- OTHER SCIENCES	WERE SOME OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL THINKERS IN WORLD HISTORY. THEIR IDEAS STILL SHAPE HOW WE THINK TODAY.	MEANT TO TEACH LESSONS  CREATED DRAMA, OR PLAYS, AS A FORM OF POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT

## END OF THE GOLDEN AGE

•	THE GOLDEN AGE ENDED DUE TO CONFLICT BETWEEN ANI ITS RIVAL CITY-STATE,
	- SPARTA WAS A MILITARY CITY WITH A POWERFUL
	ATHENS HAD OVER OTHER CITY-STATES,
	SPARTA ATTACKED ATHENS.
•	THE WAR BETWEEN ATHENS AND SPARTA RIPPED GREECE APART. IN THE END,
•	AFTER THE WAR, GREECE WAS IN SHAMBLES. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAD

BEEN KILLED AND WHOLE CITIES HAD BEEN DESTROYED.

## MAIN IDEA 3

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FROM GREECE, HE SET OUT TO CREATE AN EMPIRE. AT ITS HEIGH STRETCHED FROM	IT, THE EMPIRE
ALEXANDER WORKED TO SPREAD GREEK CULTURE THROUGH HIS	
RESULT, A NEW CULTURE FORMED THAT BLENDED GREEK AND OT	HER CULTURES.
HISTORIANS CALL THIS CULTURE	, or greek-like.

## **NEED TO KNOW**

- Ancient Greek influences in today's world include democracy, art, architecture, literature, philosophy, mythology and the Olympics.
- Sparta was a very different city-state from Athens. Located in the southern portion of Greece, Sparta was a city-state devoted to war. Sparta's form of government is an oligarchy rule by a small group of people. Some city-states practiced an aristocracy (rule by a small ruling class).
- The Greek Mythology was polytheistic and portrayed gods and goddesses with human-like emotional states such as anger, jealousy, and joy. The Greeks believed that their deities took an active and constant role in their lives.
- All Greek City-States practiced polytheism (a belief in many gods). Zeus was king of the gods. Athena was Zeus' daughter and patron goddess of Athens. Poseidon is Zeus' brother and god of the ocean. Hades is Zeus' brother and god of the underworld. Greek mythology tells us that the Greeks worshipped twelve great gods.
- -Aristotle, Plato and Socrates were all notable Greek philosophers. The ideas of these men had a lasting effect on modern learning and thinking.
- Homer is an ancient Greek Epic Poet. He wrote the <u>Odyssey</u>, an epic poem about Odysseus 10 year struggle to return home after the <u>Trojan War</u> (a mythological war waged by the Greeks against the city of Troy).
- Early Greek societies were heavily influenced by the topography and available resources of the region leading to the development of **city-states** and **colonies** rather than an expansive empire based on a particular river valley.
- The **acropolis** a fortified, or strengthened, hill of an ancient Greek city served as the religious center.
- Greek city-states developed maritime trading systems throughout the Mediterranean Sea in order to improve the daily lives of their people by importing exotic foods and other goods.
- The mountains, valleys, and islands of Greece, along with a lack of a significant fertile river valley as seen in Egypt and Mesopotamia, led to the development of semiautonomous city-states.