

# **CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION**

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# THE GREEKS

# THE INFLUENCE OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS

- Astronomy, Science & Mathematics
- Art & Architecture
- Theater
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Warfare
- Written Language
- Religion
- Humanism "man is the measure of all things"
- Competitiveness
- Individualism
- Monogamous marriage



# WARRIOR CULTURE

- All ancient Greek city-states were military cultures.
- Every male Greek citizen was an individual soldier, trained from boyhood.
- Greek city-states were always at state of war, sometimes declaring peace.
- The most sought after mercenaries in the ancient world.
- Thus sports & male nudity very important.
- Physical & active outdoor life.

# CULTURAL SUPERIORITY

- Greeks believed their culture was superior to all others.
- Greek the only human language (barbaros - babble - barbarian).
- Other peoples were a little less human & a little more animalistic.
- Other peoples had slave mentality & were weak.
- Other men, especially eastern, were more effeminate.
- Strong individualism & freedom vs. collective servitude.

# SEXUALITY & GENDER ISSUES

- Macho, misogynist , patriarchal, male dominated society.
- Women were less human, more naturalistic.
- Women were hidden away at home while were public & social.
- Economics = woman's work
- Women sexually can't control themselves.
- Every man must get married & have children.
- Macho bi-sexual relations develop due to close net male friendship & sense of male superiority.
- Dominate middle age men with younger men.
- Military homosexuality.

# HUMANISM

- Non-dogmatic thinkers.
- Bow to no human.
- "Man is the measure of all things."
- God is like us.
- Human-centric world.
- Worship of human form
- The whole man





# THE ROMANS

# THE INFLUENCE OF THE ANCIENT ROMANS

- City planning & Infrastructure
- Civil Engineering
- Medicine
- Law
- Government & Social Institutions
- Calendar & week
- Language
- Wine & Food
- Warfare

*Carried & Delivery Greek  
Culture to the World*



## WHY STUDY LATIN

# OUR ORIGINS

- Gain insight into elements of European and other societies: language, literature, law, attitudes to religion, philosophy, ethics, art, architecture, civil engineering and technology, and political science.

# CAREERS

- A knowledge of Latin facilitates the study of many subjects, including English, French, Italian, Spanish, law, medical, chemistry, biological sciences, and history.

# UNDERSTANDING OF LANGUAGE

- Insight into the structure of an inflected language
- Encourages instructive comparisons with the structure of their own language.
- Many English words are derived from Latin
- Improve their command of English language
- Romance languages: Portuguese, French, Spanish, Romanian, & Italian

# HISTORICAL & LITERARY UNDERSTANDING

- Much of the content of Western literature is based on Latin literature.
- The period of the Roman Empire is a key epoch of European and Near Eastern history.
- It offers an excellent opportunity to learn about the past through primary sources in the form of written evidence and archaeological remains.
- Such a study promotes comparison with our own and other cultures.

**THE END**