

## Vocabulary Cards



### Vocabulary Word

**aristocracy**

### Definition

government ruled by a privileged class; the wealthy class that rules such a government



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a government

### Vocabulary Word

**democracy**

### Definition

government ruled by the people, following the majority's will

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**Assembly**

### Definition

governing body  
in Athens made up  
of all free men  
over the age of 18



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and culture

### Vocabulary Word

**agora**

### Definition

outdoor market  
or gathering place  
central to Greek life

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**acropolis**

### Definition

meaning *high city*,  
a fort built atop a hill



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**polytheism**

### Definition

belief system that  
worships many gods

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**mythology**

### Definition

groups of traditional stories often involving gods and meant to explain things about the world



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### Vocabulary Word

**Classical  
Period  
(Golden Age)**

### Definition

period of Athenian dominance, especially when the arts and philosophy thrived (about 480–323 B.C.E.)

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### Vocabulary Word

**Hellenistic  
Age**

### Definition

period of mixing  
Greek and Asian cultures,  
brought about after  
Alexander the Great  
(about 323–30 B.C.E.)

### Vocabulary Word

**league**

### Definition

a group of different  
parties joined for  
a common cause