

Purpose & SOL

- Students will review the distinguishing characteristics between ancient Greece and Rome.
- Social Studies 3.1

Materials

- Greece and Rome header cards (see attached)
- Greece and Rome sorting cards (see attached)
- Cones – 2 per team

Length
20 min.

Introduction

Students will complete exercises to warm up. The exercises should be modeled after sports in the Olympics. Why would we be acting like an Olympian if we're studying Greece and Rome?

10 seconds of swimming, skiing, basketball shots, spiking a volleyball, shooting a hockey puck, running in place

Implementation

Relay/Sort

- 1) Divide the class into teams no larger than 5.
- 2) Each group will have a specific cone color or spot as their starting point. Set a matching colored cone with items for students to retrieve a few feet away. The students should stand in a line behind the start cone.
- 3) When the teacher says the 'magic word', the student will skip, hop, march, jump, etc. to retrieve an card and bring it back to their team. When the student returns, it's the next student's turn.
- 4) Continue relay until students have collected all cards. Students should stand like a star (feet and hands in a V) when their team has collected all cards.
- 5) Then, the teacher will bring them their Greece and Rome header cards. They will sort each card under the correct heading.
- 6) Repeat if time permits.

Cool Down

Breath and stretch by leading the class in Warrior I, II, III poses.

Modifications

Time the groups to make it a friendly competition or give points for every correct answer. The students may sort the cards as soon as they bring it back from the relay.



Started the Olympics	Located in Greece
Located in Italy	Coliseum
Arches	Republican Democracy
Traded on the Mediterranean	Traded on the Mediterranean Sea
Aqueducts	Columns
Direct Democracy	Birthplace of Democracy

Greece

Rome

Answer Key

Greece	Rome
Started the Olympics	Located in Italy
Located in Greece	Coliseum
Columns	Arches
Birthplace of Democracy	Aqueducts
Direct Democracy	Republican Democracy