

Year 5	History	The Greeks—The story of the Trojan Horse.	Knowledge Organiser
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Historical summary

The story of the Trojan Horse is well-known. First mentioned in the Odyssey, (the Odyssey is an epic poem in 24 books traditionally attributed to the ancient Greek poet Homer) it describes how Greek soldiers were able to take the city of Troy after a fruitless ten-year siege. It is said that by hiding in a giant horse, supposedly left as an offering to the goddess Athena. With Greek soldiers hiding inside, they were brought into the city of Troy, when they had previously not been able to get past the wall. Once inside the walls the soldiers opened the gates and let the rest of the arm in.

This unit of work is based on whether or not the story is myth or truth.

Key facts	Key people
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<p>Around 1250 BC war broke out between the armies of the city of Troy and the combined forces of the cities of Sparta and Mycenae.</p> <p>Prince Paris of Troy had kidnapped Queen Helen of Sparta. Helen's husband, King Menelaus of Troy, convinced his brother Agamemnon, King of Mycenae, to rescue her.</p> <p>They sailed across the Aegean Sea and the Trojan War began. It was said to last 10 years.</p> <p>Troy had large thick walls. Even under siege the walls did not result in surrender of the forces of Troy, or the rescue of Helen.</p> <p>It was Odysseus, a Greek general in Menelaus' army, who made the plan to make the Trojan Horse and place it outside the gate with soldiers inside. The soldiers waited inside until night and opened the gates for the rest of the waiting army.</p>	<p>Odysseus—a Greek general in Menelaus' army.</p> <p>Queen Helen of Sparta—married to King Menelaus</p> <p>Prince Paris of Troy—eloped with Queen Helen</p> <p>King Menelaus of Sparta—husband of Queen Helen</p> <p>King of Mycenae brother of King Menelaus</p>
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Important questions

- What evidence exists to authenticate the story of the Trojan Horse?*
- What other explanations could there be for the origin of the story of the Trojan Horse?*
- How do we know if a source is accurate?*
- What is a Primary source?*
- What is a secondary source?*

Vocabulary	
Trojan Horse	wooden horse said to have been used by the Greeks
Ancient Greek	Ancient Greeks lived over 3000 years ago
Accurate	correct in all details; exact
Factual	what is actually the case , truthful
Myth	a traditional story that is not real
Traditional	a story that has been told and re-told for many years
Evaluate	form an idea based on evidence provided
Siege	a military operation in which enemy forces surround a town or building
Capture	take into your possession or control by force
Surrender	stop resisting to an enemy and give up
Odysseus	poem in 24 books attributed to the ancient Greek poet Homer
Athena	the Greek goddess of wisdom
Warriors	a brave or experienced soldier or fighter
Primary	first-hand information
First-hand	coming from the original source or personal experience
Fortifications	a defensive wall or other reinforcement built to strengthen a place
City	A large town
Troy	a powerful kingdom based in Ancient Greek literature

What I should know by the end of this unit.

The tradition story of the Trojan Horse.

Reach informed decisions about the validity of a story based on sources.

Justify their opinions on whether they believe the story to be true.

Apply their knowledge to create a **justified** argument.

Make **judgements** on the information they have been provided with.