

History – Spring 2 – Persia and Greece



Year 6

Key vocabulary

Persian Empire	An empire established by King Cyrus. It stretched from Europe to the Indus River.
Babylon	A beautiful and important city in Mesopotamia located in modern day Iraq
King Cyrus	First ruler of the Persian Empire
King Darius	Son of King Cyrus who became the ruler of the Persian Empire
Satrap	An ally of King Darius who was put in charge of a satrapy. Responsible for collecting taxes, enforcing law and keeping peace
agora	Large market place in the middle of each Greek city-state
Polis	Greek word for a city-state. Examples include Athens and Sparta
Zeus	King of all the Greek gods. Often seen holding a lightning bolt.
Iliad	Greek story written by Homer about the fall of Troy
acropolis	Citadel or building built on a high hill

Map to show the key Greek polis (city-state)



Persian Empire under King Darius (490 BC)



A carving showing a number of Greek gods



A Greek vase showing the story of the Iliad



The Gate of Ishtar, only to be used by the king

