

**EXAMPLE: "Vocabulary Sheet" from: EDU005 - "Ancient Greece - Drinking Vessel"**

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## Ancient Greece Vocabulary

**acropolis:** Elevated, fortified site; center of polis where people could take refuge from attacks.

**agora:** Open markets.

**banding wheel:** A small, turnable wheel used for decorating ceramics.

**bisque ware:** The name given to the clay body in ceramics once it has been fired, also called *biscuit* and *bisque*.

**ceramic:** The art and science of forming objects from earth materials containing silica, with the aid of a high heat treatment.

**democracy:** “Rule of the people”; the outstanding political achievement of the Greeks.

**earthenware:** A common type of porous clay used to make various kinds of sculpture and pottery fired to around 1,000° C, or 2,012° F.

**epic:** A long narrative poem telling of a hero’s deeds.

**firing:** Heating a ceramic piece to a predetermined temperature.

**glaze:** Glass layer covering the surface of ceramic objects.

**Iliad:** Greek epic poem by Homer describing the siege of Troy

**kiln:** A variety of structures in which ceramics are placed to be fired.

**monarchy:** Limited by an aristocratic council and a popular assembly as described in Homeric epics the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*.

**motif:** Decoration.

**Odyssey:** Greek epic poem by Homer describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy.

**oligarchy:** Rule of a state by a few people.

**Olympia:** Site of the original Olympic Games.

**palaestra:** Wrestling school.

**Peloponnesus:** The southern peninsula in Greece dominated by Sparta until the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.

**peninsula:** A large mass of land projecting into a body of water.

**polis:** City-state; term “politics” derived from polis.

**potter's wheel:** A manual or electric device used for throwing pottery.

**pottery:** A loosely applied term, which often refers to ceramic, functional vessels.

**stain:** Powdered form of colorants added to clay, slip, or glaze.

**throwing:** Making pots on the potter's wheel.

**transparent:** Allows color to show through.

**Trojan horse:** Large hollow wooden figure of horse, filled with Greek soldiers, left by the Greeks outside Troy during Trojan war.

**Trojan War:** (Greek Mythology) a great war fought between Greece and Troy as told in Homer’s *Iliad*.

**tyranny:** A type of rule by one person.

**under glaze:** Ceramic colors usually applied on bisque ware.