

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 4th 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.