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**What Is Greek Influence?**

The culture of Greece evolved over thousands of years and is widely considered to be the cradle(birth) of modern Western culture. This is because political systems and procedures such as democracy, trial by jury and lawful equality originated there.

Aside from these important Greek-derived features of Western civilization, ancient Grecian thinkers and architects laid the intellectual foundations of many fields of study. Whether it be astrology, mathematics, biology, engineering, medicine, or linguistics, nearly all of the information we take for granted today were discovered by the ancient Greeks.

As if all of this was not enough, when it comes to the realm of art–including literature, music, architecture, design and the performing arts–the Greeks established many of the standards which identify beauty and creativity.

In short, if you live in the West, you are more like an ancient Grecian than you may realize. The following is a list of Greek inventions and discoveries that have had profound impacts on Western culture and society.

**Greek Contributions to Western Civilization**

Democracy The Alphabet The Library The Olympics

Science and Mathematics Art and Architecture Mythology

The Lighthouse Standardized Medicine Trial by Jury The Theater

1 Choose one contribution listed above.

2 Write two paragraphs on how the contribution you chose have impacted our culture and society here in the USA. For example, if you choose mathematics, you must explain how we benefited from a specific aspect of mathematics, such as, solid geometry, or pi, or plane geometry, etc.

3 Use details from this week’s notes.