**Greeks 1-minute challenge – Card 1**

1. **When was the first Olympics? 776BC**
2. **Which city-state was famous for democracy? Athens**
3. **What were Greek foot soldiers called? Hoplites**
4. **What type of entertainment were the Greeks famous for inventing? Theatres**
5. **Who was the Greek king of the gods? Zeus**
6. **What did Greeks mainly drink?** **Wine**
7. **Which type of pottery are the Greeks famous for? Vases**
8. **Name the giant wooden animal used sneak into the city of Troy: Trojan horse**

**Greeks 1-minute challenge – Card 2**

1. **Who played the role of women in Greek plays? Men**
2. **Which major Greek city-state fought against Athens? Sparta**
3. **When was democracy first introduced in Athens? 508BC**
4. **Name the mythical beast that was half man, half bull: Minotaur**
5. **Where were the Olympic Games held? Olympia**
6. **True or false: All Greeks were the same: False**
7. **Who is known as the ‘Father of medicine’? Hippocrates**
8. **Who were the main rivals of the Greeks? Persia**

**Greeks 1-minute challenge – Card 3**

1. **Was Athens or Sparta near the coast? Athens**
2. **True or false: The Greeks were all united: False**
3. **Who was the Greek god of the sea? Poseidon**
4. **True or false: the Greeks invented vending machines: True**
5. **What type of building supports were the Greeks famous for? Columns**
6. **When did Rome defeat Corinth? 146BC**
7. **True or false: Some Greeks sailed to Britain: True**
8. **Name the Greek mythical winged horse: Pegasus**

**Greeks 1-minute challenge – Card 4**

1. **What was Sparta famous for? War**
2. **Who won the first Peloponnesian War? Sparta**
3. **What was the famous Greek stringed instrument called? Lyre**
4. **Name the idea of explaining things through science or reasoning: Philosophy**
5. **Who were mainly in charge of Greek religion – men or women? Women**
6. **Where did the Greek gods live? Mount Olympus**
7. **What might typical Greek houses be made from? Stone**
8. **Where did Alexander the Great build a huge library? Alexandria, Egypt**



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**How to use**

The 1-Minute Challenges are designed to be fun and engaging whilst focusing on knowledge retrieval. These are an ideal way of starting your lessons working in pairs or small groups. Questions can be changed and tailored to suit the content of your OWN topic.

1. Print out the Challenge Cards, laminate them and tie them together with either a split pin or a treasury tag so that the children can easily access all four different cards. You could have these printed separately or back to back.
2. In pairs, children have a set of cards each and choose a card to test their partner. Children need to try and answer all eight questions in 1-minute or as many as they can within that time.
3. Using speed chess as inspiration (or the Beat The Chasers TV show), have a stopwatch for each child, a countdown timer on an iPad (<https://www.online-stopwatch.com/chess-clock/> - tap on each clock to change the timer to 60 seconds for each side) or use an actual chess clock if you have plenty.
4. Children take it in turns to ask questions. If they get a question correct, they stop their timer and ask their partner a question. If they do not know the answer or are incorrect, they continue answering questions.
5. The winner is the one who either answers all of their questions in the quickest time or the one who answers the most questions correctly.
6. Children could then choose a different question card to ask their partner or they could move to someone else. You could have winners play each other to narrow down to a grand final or simply have the children just find another partner.