

Greek Inventions

You may think toys like yoyos and spinning tops and other things from to bridges to maps are amazing nowadays but what if I told you that they were actually designed and thought of by the Greeks? By the way, the Greeks lived over 2500 years ago!

The Olympics



Did you know the Greeks invented the Olympic Games? In 776BC, the first Olympic games took place in Athens, Greece. Soon after though, the Grecians started to get bored of having one single event (the 250m dash). Eventually, this boredom spiraled into having singing, poetry, music and other sporting events such as javelin and boxing.

Greek Cranes



The world's first cranes were invented in Greece in the late sixth century BC; the names of the inventor(s) have been lost in history. These early machines were usually powered by men and animals such as donkeys and horses.

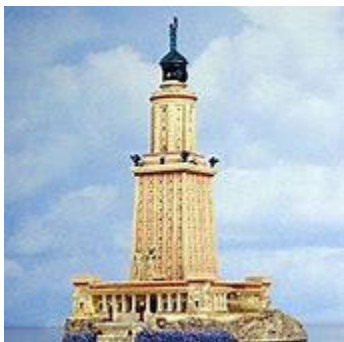
The Water Mill

The Greek invention of the water mill was used to water crops and grind things such as grain. They were also used to grind gold and quarts. The way that they worked is that water flowed into the gaps to make weight for it to move and help move the grinding stones.



Lighthouses

Pharos is a Greek word for a lighthouse, and that is why the people who study lighthouses are called pharologists. For the light wood was burned at first. Slowly, people realized that oil lamps work better, and their light could be seen from a far distance. One of the seven wonders of the world was the Lighthouse of Alexandria which was built by the Greeks.



So just remember that next time you see a crane or watch the Olympics on TV, thank the Greeks and their wonderful inventive minds for designing and creating these.

