

## Getting started on Ancient Greek: course trailer transcript

NARRATOR: Four reasons to be an Ancient Greek lover.

One: it's powerful. Hundreds of thousands of English words have their roots in Ancient Greek. Even the word 'alphabet' comes from the Greek letters alpha and beta.

Two: it's deep. Getting to the Ancient Greek roots of an English word reveals its hidden depths. The word 'ostracise' for instance, comes from the word *ostraka*, which were pieces of broken pottery with politicians' names written on, useful for voting on who to exile or 'ostracise'.

Three: it's well-travelled. Ancient Greek wasn't just spoken in Greece. It spread far and wide, from southern Italy to north Africa, from the Middle East to India.

Four: it's got character. From the snaking lines you read one way then back the other, to objects which seem to speak to you, there's so much character to be discovered.

So, there you have it. Just four of many reasons to be an Ancient Greek lover.