

# Greek Hoplite

Greek foot soldiers were called hoplites from the word “hoplon”, meaning shield. They fought with a long spear and had a large shield for protection. Only men from the wealthiest of families became hoplites as the armour and weapons were very expensive. In a battle the hoplites fought as a team, lining up and locking their shields together with their spears sticking out of the top. This formation was known as a “phalanx”

