



ANCIENT GREECE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



Music was an important part of life in Ancient Greece.

It was used in feasts, festivals, theatre, religious ceremonies and even at sporting events.

People believed music could bring joy, tell stories and honour the gods.



COMMON MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

LYRE



A small harp with strings. It was played by poets and musicians to sing songs and tell stories.

AULOS (DOUBLE PIPE)



A wind instrument with two pipes played at the same time. It was loud and often played at festivals.

KITHARA



A large, professional version of the lyre, played by skilled musicians. It was used in competitions and important events.

SYRINX (PAN PIPES)



Pan pipes made from reeds of different lengths. According to mythology, they were linked with the god Pan.

SALPINX



A long brass trumpet used in battle to send signals and in ceremonies.

TYMPANON (FRAME DRUM)



A skin-covered frame drum used in festivals and religious ceremonies.

WHO MADE MUSIC?

Musicians could be men, women or children. Some were professionals, while others played for fun at home or at celebrations.



WHERE WAS MUSIC HEARD?

- At religious festivals in honour of the gods.
- In theatre performances to accompany plays.
- At banquets and celebrations.
- At the Olympic Games and other sporting events.



DID YOU KNOW?



Apollo, the god of music and poetry, was said to play the lyre beautifully.

The Muses, nine goddesses of inspiration, were believed to inspire musicians and writers.



OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND SOUNDS

CYMBALS



Made of bronze and struck together to make a loud sound.

BARBITON



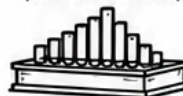
Ao large string instrument.

KROTALA (CASTANETS)



Small wooden or clay pieces clapped together to keep time with the music.

HYDRAULIS (WATER ORGAN)



An early organ that used water to push air through pipes and make sound. It was invented during the later Hellenistic period (3rd century BC).

VOICE



Singing was very important. Songs could praise the gods, tell stories or celebrate great events.



Music brought people together and was a big part of Ancient Greek culture. It was enjoyed by many and passed down from one generation to the next.

