



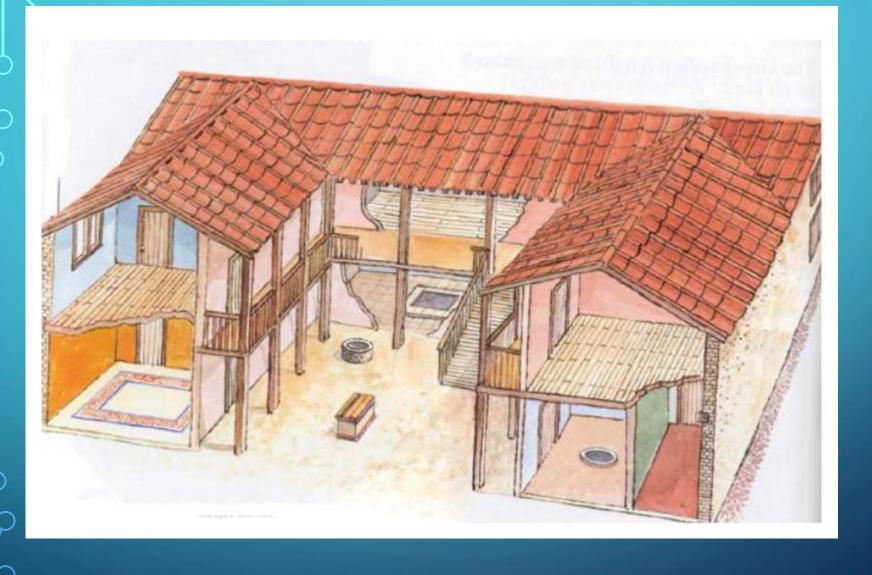
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Ancient Greeks
Homelife

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What can you tell me about the houses and homes so far?

Facts about houses

- Most houses in Ancient Greek towns were built from stone or clay.
- ✓ The roofs were covered with tiles, or reeds, and the houses had one or two storeys.
- ✓ The floors of the rooms were tiled to keep them cool, although in winter fires in metal baskets were sometimes needed.
- ✓ Larger homes had a kitchen, a room for bathing, a men's dining room, and sometimes a woman's sitting area.
- ✓ The houses were planned around a courtyard, and had high walls and a strong gate. Much of ancient Greek family life centered around the courtyard.
- ✓ As well as having separate roles in life, men and women lived in different parts of the house. Women had the back and upstairs part.

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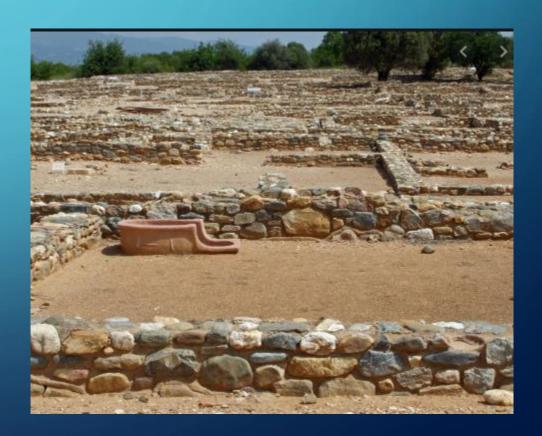


MUD HOUSES

- ✓ Houses in Ancient Greece were usually quite simple.

 They were normally built out of mud bricks because
 these were strong and easy to make.
- ✓ Mud bricks aren't long lasting, so no Greek houses built from them survive today
- ✓ Some houses in the ruined city of Olynthus were built on stone foundations, which are still intact. These show us how Greek houses were laid out

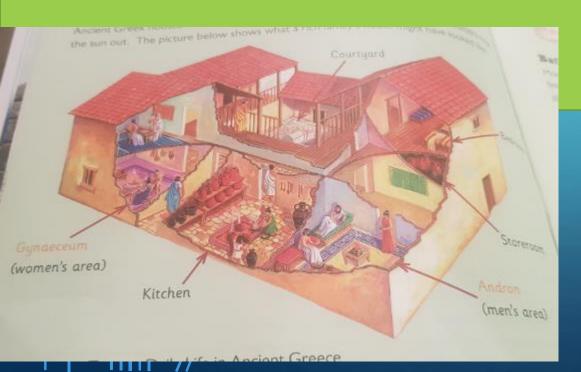
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ROOMS OF THE HOUSE

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- ✓ Built around a courtyard
- ✓ This helped the house to remain cool
- ✓ Ancient Greek houses had windows, but they didn't contain glass-wooden shutters kept the sun out.



HOME COMFORTS

- ✓ Greek women were expected to avoid public places so they spent much of their time at home
- ✓ Many wealthy Greek households had separate areas for men and women
 - ✓ The women's living area was called the gynaeceum
- ✓ Men's area was called the andron- beautifully decorated, with an intricate mosaic on the floor and elaborate furniture.

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