

The **“30-second to understand...” collection** offers advisable popular works. Each theme of any topic can be **dealt with in 3 seconds, 30 seconds or 3 minutes, whichever the reader pleases, an extra picture sheet is added** to each topic.

## **30-SECOND TO UNDERSTAND THE 50 MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF ANCIENT GREECE**

**Matthew Nicolls (Dir.)**

*Publisher Lvy Press*

Ancient Greece, a very popular topic, really matches up to this collection. **The history and the heritage of this civilization are explained in 7 chapters, entitled "The Greek world", "People and society", "Mythology and religion", "Literature", "Language and knowledge", "Architecture and buildings", "Arts".**

Ancient Greece is apparently well known yet numerous questions come to mind : what was life really like in a city-state? Who could vote in an election in Athens? What kind of plays did people see in a theatre? How much impact did gods and myths have on the lives of the Ancient Greeks? Why were neighbouring city-states so often at war? etc.

Greek world specialists, historians, linguists, archaeologists and philosophers were involved in the writing of this *opus*. The editorial management was handled by Matthew Nicolls, Professor of Classics at Reading university (England).

**As an Ancient Greek Art specialist, I liked this popularized book,** rich and smart, which should appeal to all kinds of readers. In addition, its size allows it to be carried easily. A clever choice for a holiday reading, for young and not so young readers!

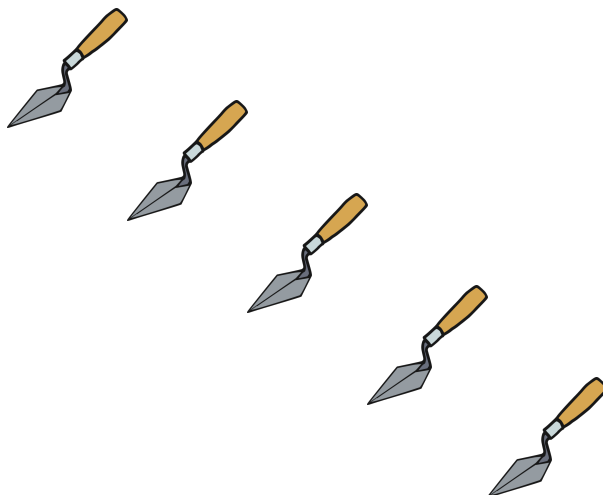
**Under the direction of Matthew Nicolls. Illustrations: Nicky Ackland-Snow.**

***30-Second Ancient Greece. The 50 most important achievements of a timeless civilization, each explained in half a minute, publisher Ivy Press, 2018.***

160 pages. Size 15 cm x 19,5 cm. Retail price inclusive of VAT: 9.99 £. Available at your bookseller's or on [the publisher's website](#).

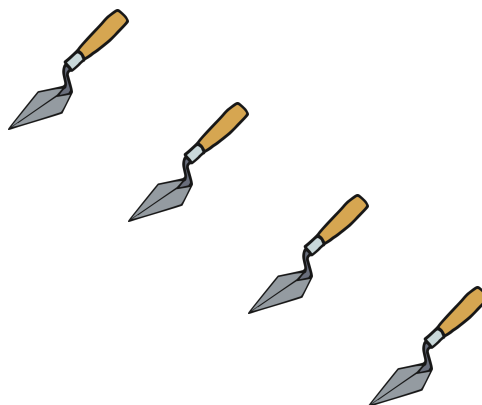
**ArkéoTopia's recommendations**

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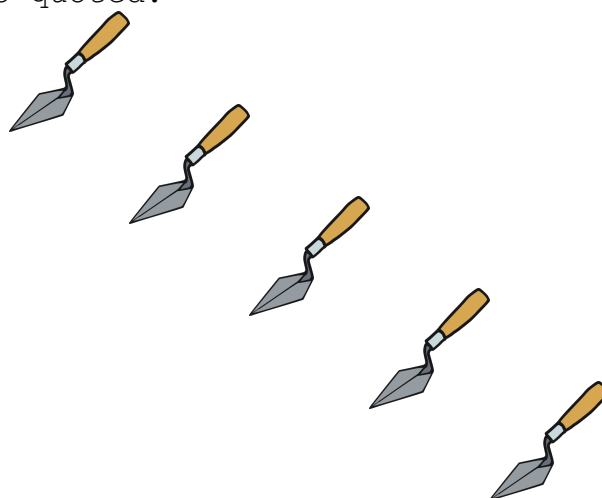
The theme division is smart and balanced. Most themes related to Ancient Greece are covered. The references on each page are also really valuable.

**Illustrations 4/5**



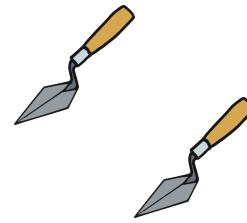
The illustrations are varied and coherent. Readers will appreciate the illustrator's neat and attractive work. However the professionals may wonder why there are no photo credits quoted.

**Resources 5/5**



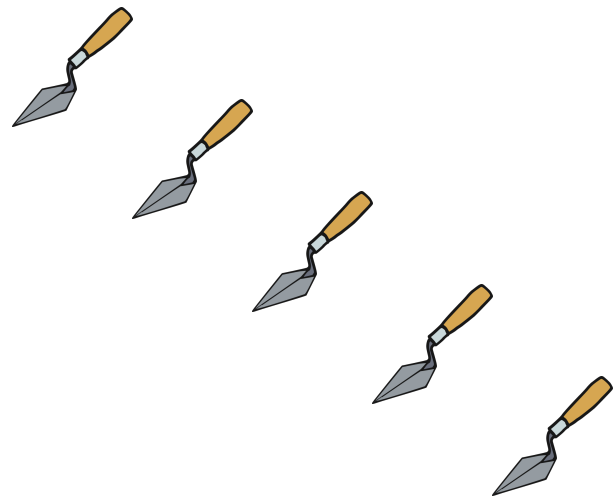
Everything has been designed to enable the readers to get their bearings from a temporal, geographic or linguistic point of view. Chronologies, maps and glossaries have been included. The bibliography is brief and well thought out.

Relevance to archaeologie 2/5



It is mostly a historical work. There are no references to actual archaeology, neither in the texts nor in the images. One or two reference books on archaeology and/or art history would have been welcome in the bibliography.

Adaptation to the target audience  
5/5



The dynamic lay-out and reliable information provide an enjoyable reading to both neophytes and specialists. It is however not intended



for the toddlers.

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