GREECE/ROME
SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

**Purpose:** Students will identify specific architecture, arts, principles of government and geography of Ancient Greece and Rome.

**Suggested Grade Level:** 3

**History & Social Science SOL:** Geography 3.4

**Equipment:**
1. Venn Diagram for each child (attached)

**Advance Preparation:**
1. Have handouts for each student.
2. Have pre-assigned physical activities to correspond to Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome and Both

**Directions:**
1. Ask students to stand behind their desks.
2. Explain that you will be making references to/statements about something that is directly related to Greece, Rome, or something that relates to both of them and they will perform an activity depending on the answer. Example: When the reference is to Ancient Greece the kids do….. (arm movements to jumping jacks); when the reference is to Ancient Rome the kids do…(leg movement only to jumping jacks); when the reference is both the kids do…(arm movement and jumping jacks).
3. Once students complete the activity, have them student the reference/statement on their personal Venn Diagram

**Teaching Suggestions:**
1. Give students a few seconds to decide which activity to do, and then have everyone begin at the same time. (There will be students who just do what others are doing, but they will have the Venn Diagram at the end which is really what they need).
2. Have a large Venn Diagram on the board and complete as the lesson progresses for reinforcement.

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- Traders
- Located among mountains and hills
- Had limited rich soil
- Was a country long ago
- Displayed sculptures and paintings
- Made significant contributions to today’s society in the areas of govt., architecture and the arts
- Located by the Mediterranean Sea
- Coliseums
- Arches
- Aqueduct
- Representative democracy
- Road builders
- Today is a city in Italy