

Ancient Greek explorers

These resources have been created to help your group explore the Shefton Collection (Ancient Greek gallery) at the Great North Museum: Hancock.

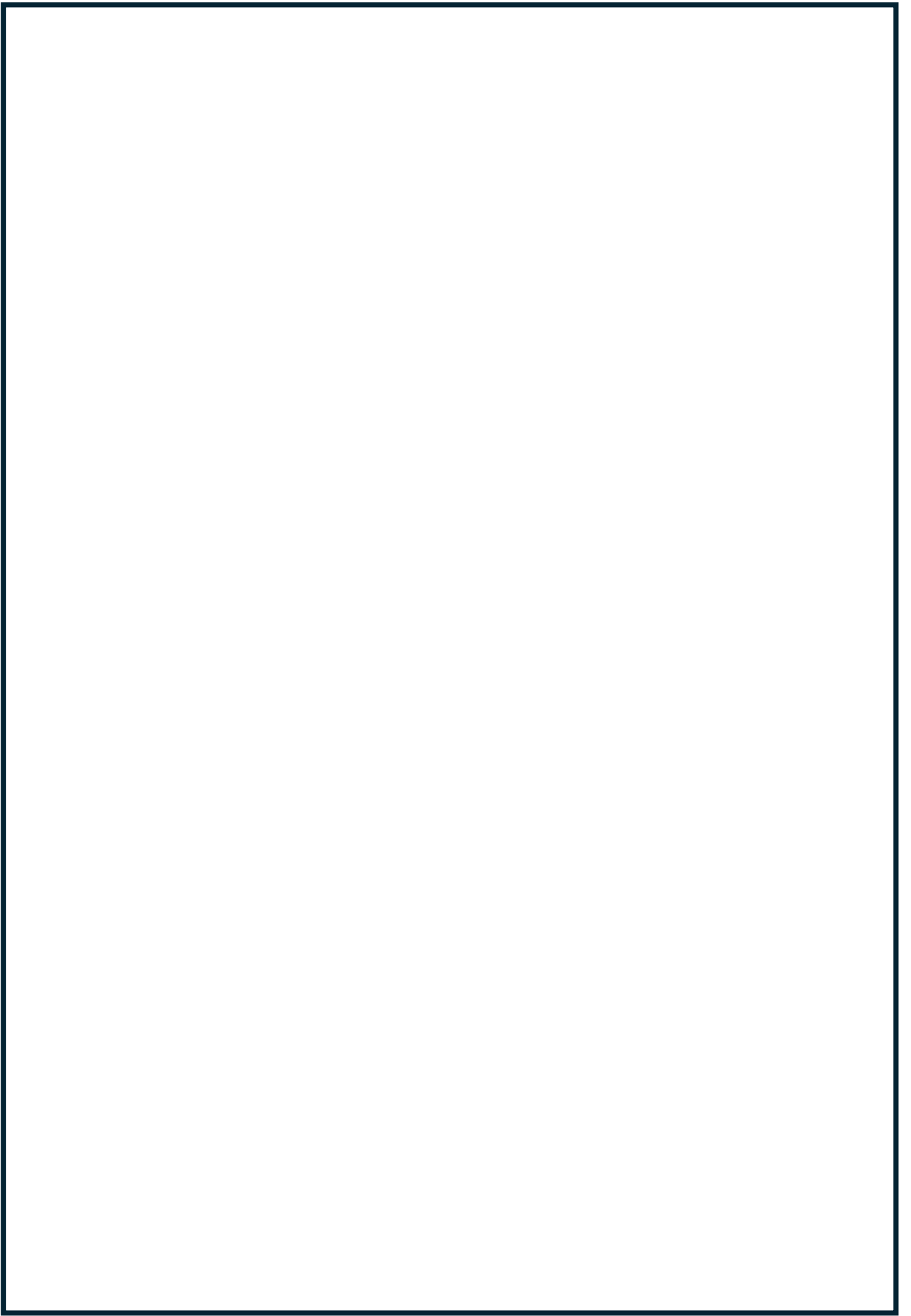
These resources can be used in groups or as individuals. You can also pick and choose from the resources to use. We suggest printing from page 3.

The activities include:

- Code Breaking
- Object Eye Spy
- Creating a Greek myth
- Pottery Detectives
- A BIG Question

If you have any suggestions on other resources we can create that would support your groups learning or if you would like to share any of your work with the museum then please email learning@greatnorthmuseum.org.uk





Code Breaking

Name.....

Complete your activity sheets to learn more about the Ancient Greece gallery at the Great North Museum: Hancock.

α a	β b	γ g	δ d	ε e	ζ z
η i	θ th	ι i	κ k	λ l	μ m
ν n	ξ x	ο o	π p	ρ r	σ or ς s
τ t	υ i	φ ph	χ ch	ψ ps	ω o

Greek language also uses ‘diphthongs’, which are letter combinations that form new sounds:

αι e	αυ au	ει i	ευ eu	οι oi
μπ b	ντ d	γκ g	γγ g	ου ou

This is similar to the writing system that Ancient Greeks used. Have a go at writing your name below.

Using the alphabet on the previous page, can you decode these words?

ιδεα

ζευς

χαος

δραμα

πλασμα

αρτεμις

πανοραμα

καταστροφη

Write a message for your friends below. See if they can translate it.

Object Eye Spy

Find all these objects in the Greek gallery and write what they are called beneath them.





Creating a Greek Myth

To create a memorable Greek myth you need certain ingredients. Use the museum gallery to collect ideas to write your own Greek myth back in school or at home. Draw or write in the boxes.

Every myth needs a star. What is your hero called? Draw a picture of them here, use the images around the gallery for inspiration.



Your hero needs to complete a mission, what is it?



A story needs a mythical creature. Find one in the gallery and draw that here. What is it?

Which Greek God or Goddess will help you on your journey?

Describe your journey in 5 words

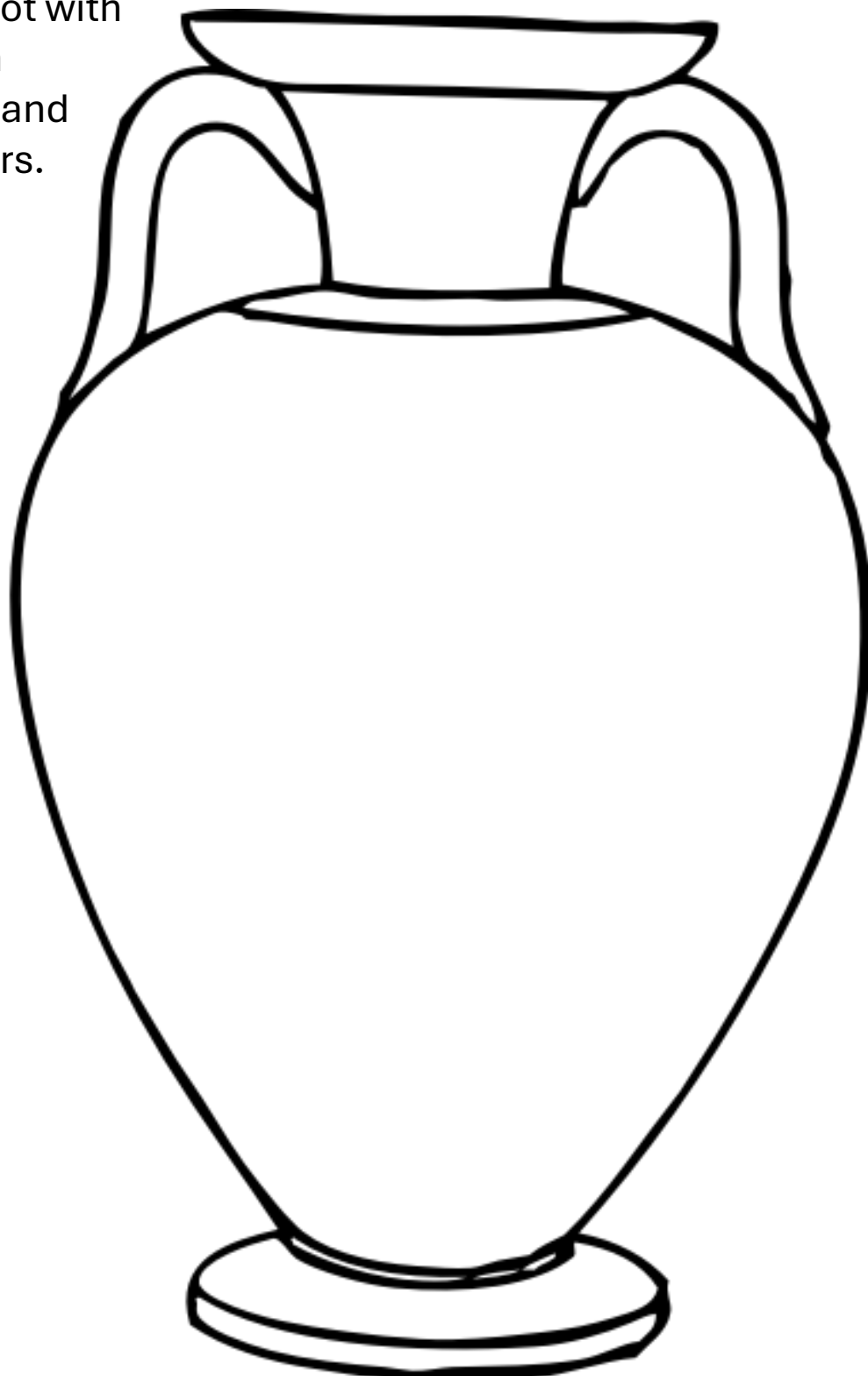
Something disastrous happens. How do you overcome it?

How does the story end?

Pottery detectives

The Ancient Greeks had many different shapes and styles of pot. Browse the pots in the gallery and look at the shapes and styles. You may also spot different styles of decoration.

Fill this pot with your own patterns and characters.



A BIG Question

Which Greek God or Goddess do you think was the most powerful and why?

Note – there is no right or wrong answer to this question. If you and friends disagree then try and persuade each other with good reasoning why your answer is the strongest with evidence.