

# Greek Pottery in Ashkelon

## Standards Covered

Common Core:

RI.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

RI.4.7 Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.

W.4.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.

W.4.8 Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.

W.4.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

## Guiding Question

What can studying Greek pottery tell us about how people traded and what they ate/drank?

## Procedure

[Video - Watch Becky explain the different types of Greek pottery found in Ashkelon](#)

[Website – What can the designs on pottery tell us about life in Ancient Greece?](#)

[Website – What were the different types of pots for?](#)

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## Word Wall

Black Glaze pottery – Pottery that has been dipped in a black glaze. It makes it shinier and has stamped imprints in it, not drawings.

Black Figure – Pottery that has black painted drawings on it with a red background.

Red Figure – Pottery that lets the red from the pot create the design while the black paint creates the background. (Think of this sort of like a film negative)

## Junior Archaeologist Assignment

You are going to be making your own Greek-style pottery! To begin, you will need some clay. You can get this at a craft store, or you can make your own ([instructions here](#)). Next watch these two videos to see two ways you can make a pot-

1. [How to Make a Coil Pot](#)
2. [How to Make a Pinch Pot](#)

After you have created your basic pot, go through and create the shape of pot that you may have found in ancient Athens. Here are some examples:

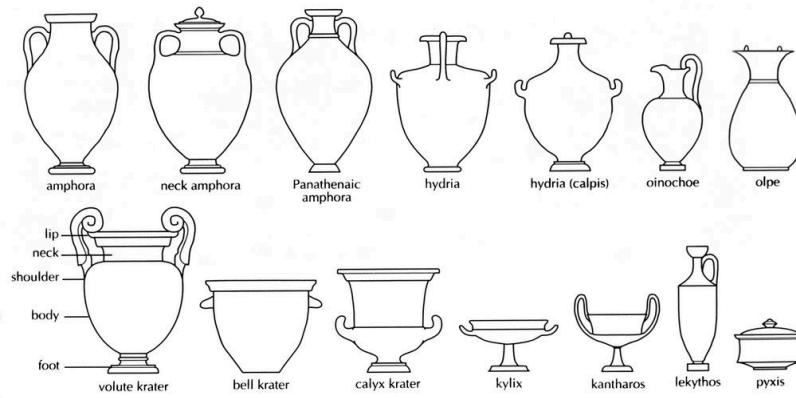


Figure 1: Shapes of Greek Pottery. "Greek pottery shapes." *Polytropon Art*. 2015. Web. < <http://www.polytroponart.gr/greek-pottery-shapes/>>

After you have created the shape that you want, it is time for you to create the design! Let the pot dry out so that it does not reshape while you are painting. Using either red or black paint, create a scene of something that happens in your life-this could include going to school, playing sports, where you like to travel, or a picture of your family. You could also design the pottery with what you know about Greece, like drawing the different gods people believed in at that time. After you have let your design dry, display it where you may have found that pottery type in Ancient Greece! Draw what your final project looks like in your logbook and note what the shape type is, what that pot may have been used for in Greece, and label the drawings you created on the outside.

### **Interactive Homework**

Research different museums in your area and see if they have any examples of Greek pottery. If they do, ask a parent to take you and see if you can recognize the shape of the vessel and see if you can recognize what the design on the pottery is showing you! You can also read *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* to find out more about Greek mythology, and use characters from the book to create more detailed designs on the pottery that you create.