



Ancient Greece is described as the ‘birthplace of Western civilisation’ as it is the earliest European country which made significant advancements. They created a system of life that many (including the Romans) admired and imitated.

Other cultures were also influential such as the Babylonians (based in modern-day Iraq), Egyptians (who built giant pyramids based on mathematical calculations) and the Chinese. China developed gunpowder, silk and paper. They also invented fireworks to use in festivals.

<sup>1</sup>According to legend