

Ancient Greek warriors



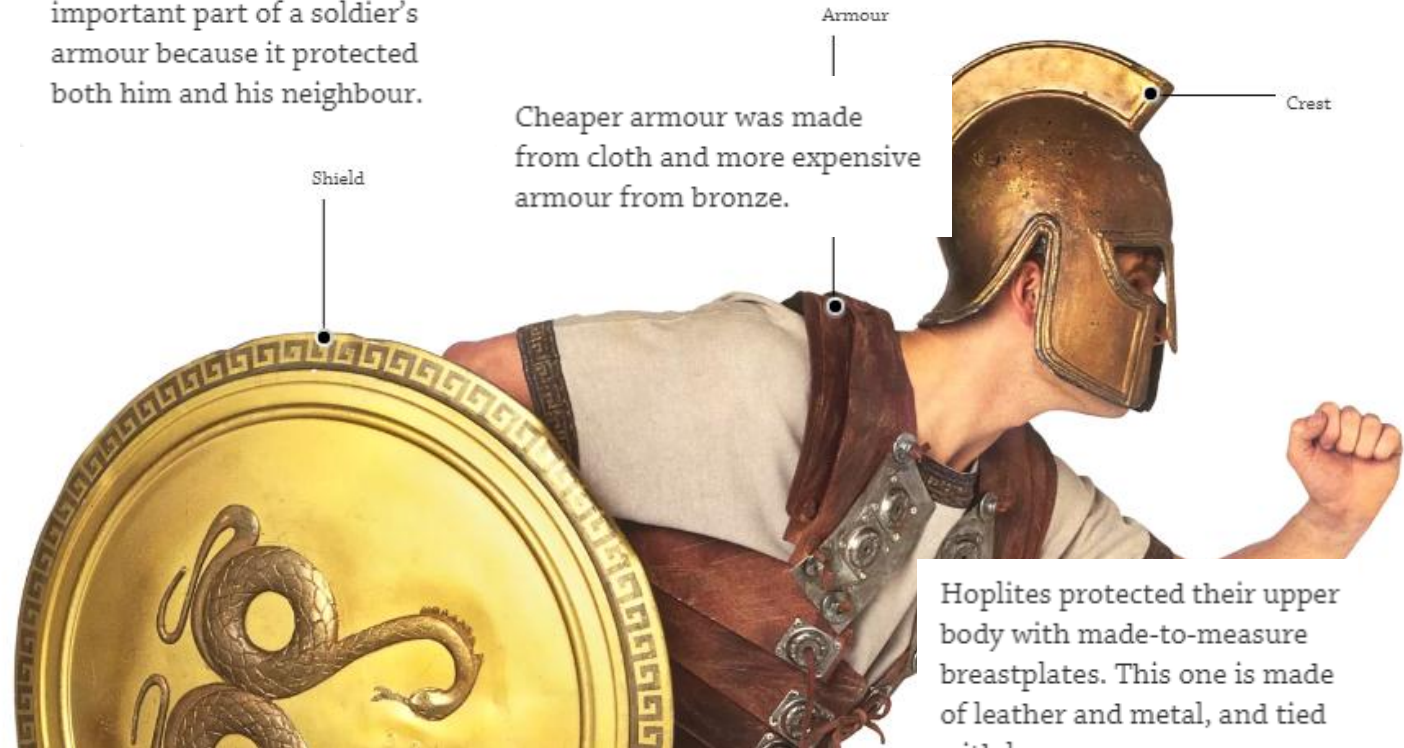
Ancient Greek warriors were well-organised and heavily armoured. They fought in a rectangular group called a phalanx, covering themselves with shields for protection. The Greeks believed that warriors who died in battle gained great glory. Spartan warriors were the best trained. They were full-time soldiers and spent all their time preparing for war.



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The shield was the most important part of a soldier's armour because it protected both him and his neighbour.

Cheaper armour was made from cloth and more expensive armour from bronze.



Hoplites protected their upper body with made-to-measure breastplates. This one is made of leather and metal, and tied with laces.

Greaves are metal guards to protect the soldier's shins and knees.



! Helmets

This helmet, worn by warriors from Corinth, was decorated with a tall crest made from horsehair. It was dyed in different colours and patterns to make the warrior look tall and imposing.

