The 8th century BC

Homer, and the beginning.

The Greeks adopted the alphabet, held the first Olympic Games and founded their cities. The Iliad and the Odyssey were composed: the first great works of Western literature, and where this story starts.

What rose

776 BC. The first recorded Olympic Games. Source: Ancient Olympic Games

c. 750 BC. The Greek alphabet, adapted from the Phoenician. Source: Greek alphabet

c. 750–700 BC. Homer's Iliad and Odyssey. Source: Homer

753 BC. The traditional founding of Rome. Source: Founding of Rome

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