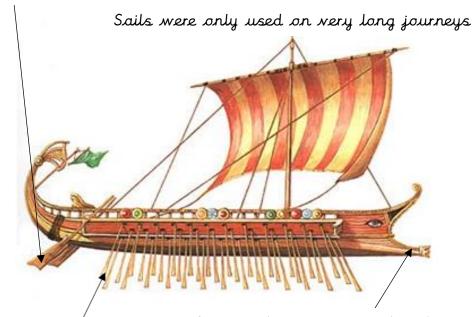


Two huge oars at the back for steering





Three tiers of oars

2m wooden ram covered in bronze

A Greek Trireme.

The Ancient Greeks were a seafaring nation with a vast coastline. The navy was very important in warfare and to protect trading. Triremes were about 37m long and 5.5m wide. The flat deck was used for fighting at close range and to protect the oarsmen (about 170).