

WALT: Draw from real-life observation.



The Parthenon



The Parthenon

- Temple dedicated to Athena
- Constructed between 447 and 438BC
- Most famous temple in Greece
- Built on the Acropolis
- Temples were shrines to particular Gods and Goddesses. They were like houses to protect the statues and precious gifts.

The Acropolis

- In Greek this means 'the sacred rock, or high city'.
- In Greek times, the temple would have been surrounded by other buildings and houses.
- But these no longer remain because they were destroyed during the Battle of Salamis in 480BC when the Athenians had to abandon the city.



Why did the Ancient Greeks go to the temples?

- They believed that the Gods and Goddesses lived here
- To make offerings, such as jewellery or food
- To ask for help
- To perform sacrifices
- They went frequently to a variety of temples- this was an important way of life

Temple of Hephaestus



Temple of Hera



Temple of Poseidon in Western Greece



Features of the Temples

- What are the key features we can see on these temples?

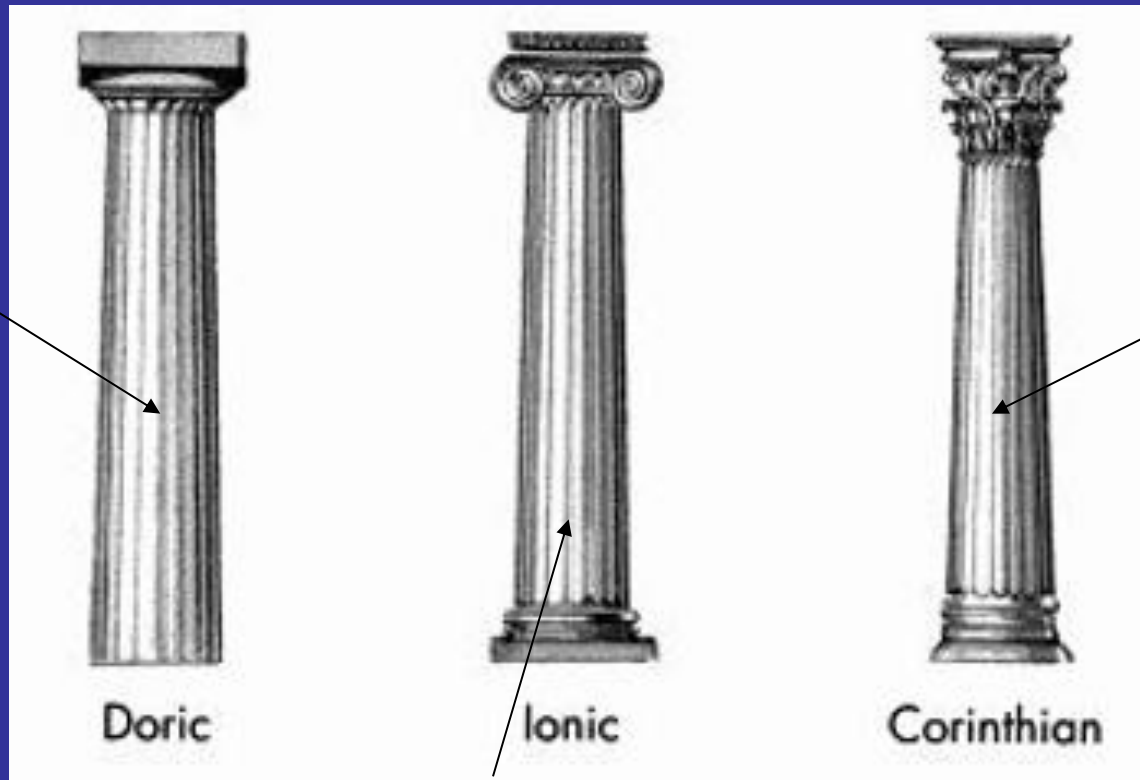
Features of the temples

- Very large!
- Sculptures- could be Gods or mythical heroes
- Built of stone and marble
- A precinct- this was the surrounding area of the temples, not the inside, where sacrifices took place.
- Columns:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cfTbHLXT6w

Features of the Temples

- Different types of columns:



Simple, found on
long rectangular
buildings-
Parthenon

Most decorative

Taller, slimmer, more decorative

Inside the temple

- Large statue of the God or Goddess in a strong room or cella
- In this room expensive offerings would be placed
- Elaborate mosaics and decorations
- Different colours and patterns
- Shows the wealth of the Ancient Greeks



British Museum (London)



Blenheim Palace (Oxfordshire)



Edinburgh University



Activity

- Design your own Greek temple for a particular God or Goddess. Think about which symbols you might use.
- Choose which type of column you will draw and use the following videos on the next slide to help you draw them.

Draw a Column Tutorials

- How To Draw A Corinthian Column Capital
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ttaMJ3_ZhU
- How To Draw A Corinthian Column Base
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8nmsXbu59s>
- How To Draw An Ionic Column
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=934zoQkE_hE

Extra Information

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-art-history/ancient-mediterranean-ap/greece-etruria-rome/v/the-classical-orders>