

Ancient Greek Art

WALT: Create surface patterns and textures in a malleable material.

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- Ancient Greek culture was full of different types of art.
- Ancient Greeks decorated almost every part of their lives, from their buildings and city streets to the inside of their homes, many objects in Greek life were created with beauty in mind.
- Greek artists created masterpieces in painting, metal work, mosaic, sculpture, architecture, literature, and pottery.



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- The Ancient Greeks became known for their perfection in art. During the classical era they developed their own style that historians would later call the Severe Style.



Periods Of Greek Art

- Archaic Period: The Greeks from the Archaic Period made sculptures of men called Kouroi and women called Korai. These statues had similar features and stood stiffly with their arms at their sides.



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- Classical Period: During the Classical Period, Greek artists began to sculpt people in more relaxed postures and even in action scenes. The most famous works from this era include the statue of Zeus at Olympia and the statue of Athena at Parthenos. Sadly, neither of them still exists.



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- Hellenistic Period: After Alexander the Great conquered much of Asia, the sculpture and artwork of the Greeks became influenced by the cultures and people they had conquered. This period is called the Hellenistic Period. This period saw new subjects including women, children, and common people appear in Greek art. Famous works from this era include the Venus de Milo, the Dying Gaul, and the Winged Victory of Samothrace.

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The Venus de Milo

The Dying
Gaul



The Winged
Victory of
Samothrace

Interesting Facts About Ancient Greek Art

- Many of the original Greek sculptures were painted in bright colors and often included elements other than stone such as metal and ivory.
- The painting of pottery was considered a high art form. The artists often signed their work.
- The most famous of the Greek sculptors was Phidias. He was the artistic director of the Parthenon.
- The Greeks used the lost-wax process to make bronze statues. This made it easy to make multiple copies of a statue.

Sculpture — What Is it?

- Sculpture is three — dimensional.
- “If it hangs on a wall, it’s a painting, and if you can walk around it, its a sculpture” Tom Stoppard
- Sculpture is often about the human body, but it can be anything.
- The Greeks decided very early on that the human form was the most important subject for artistic works. Seeing their gods as having human form, though there was little difference between the Gods and the people in art—the Greeks saw the human body as sacred.

Soap Sculpture

- Today, you are going to create your own ancient Greek sculpture from a bar of soap.
- Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI7RweezGi8> to find out how.
- Draw around your bar of soap onto the cardboard, so you know how big to do your design.
- Then draw your design onto the cardboard. I would like you to research ancient Greek art and draw something like they would have. How about a Kouroi statue, or one of the symbols of a Greek god? Keep the outline simple — you can add detail after.
- Then follow the instructions on the video to create your very own masterpiece! Don't forget to take a photo and send it to me.