

Ανχιεντ Γρεεχε: Γρεεκ Αχηεπεμεντσ** Ancient Greece: Greek Achievements**

- Greeks are known for great artwork
 - Advances in sculpture, painting, and architecture
- Greek statues are known for realism, natural look, and details
- Many Greek statues are displayed around the world today in museums
- Greeks tried to make statues look perfect
 - Studied human body to see how it looked
 - Made statues very life-like
 - Made many statues out of stone and marble
- Greek painting is known for realism and detail
 - Primarily painted on vases and pots
- Pictures often depicted athletic events or myths
- Black and Red are most popular colors
- Many ancient Greek buildings still survive today
 - Primarily Temples
- Greek buildings are known for their columns
 - Made them look perfectly straight
 - They were actually smaller at the top - Optical Illusion
- Greeks believed their buildings should reflect the glory of their cities
- Most impressive building from Ancient Greece is the Parthenon in Athens
 - Built around 400sBCE
 - Interior decorated with carvings and more columns
 - Inside was a 40-foot tall statue of Athena
- Parthenon sculptor was Phidias
 - Seen as one of the greatest sculptors in Greek history
- Greeks created new forms of writing
 - Drama and History
 - Dramas were originally used for religious ceremonies
 - Actors portrayed gods and heroes
 - Eventually dramas began to become entertainment
- 400sBCE - Athenians wrote some of the greatest plays in the Ancient World
 - Tragedies and Comedies
- Philosophers were people who sought explanations for the world besides the gods
 - Believed in the power of the human mind
 - To reason, think, explain, and understand
- Three of the greatest ancient philosophers were Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle
- Socrates is considered one of the greatest Greek philosophers

- Believed people should never stop looking for knowledge
- Socrates taught by asking questions
 - Called the Socratic Method
 - Socrates tried to make people question their beliefs
- People did not always agree with Socrates' teachings
 - Socrates was arrested and condemned to death
 - Questioning the authority of the gods
- Plato was a student of Socrates
- Plato created a school known as The Academy
 - One of the most prestigious schools in Ancient Greece
- Plato is well-known today for writing The Republic
 - Very important book about the ideal society
- Plato believed only philosophers knew what was best for everyone
- Aristotle was a student of Plato
 - Arguably the greatest thinker of Ancient Greece
- Aristotle believed people should practice moderation
 - People should think about their actions and how they affect others
- Aristotle inspired many later scientists and philosophers with his methods of thinking
 - Aristotle was a teacher of Alexander the Great
- The Greeks made many contributions to Math:
 - Geometry rules (Euclid)
 - Many theories on Volume and Area
 - Pythagorean Theorem
 - Accurately calculated the size of the earth
 - Pi
 - Beginnings of Calculus
- The Greeks have contributed many things to our modern-day society:
 - Hippocratic Oath (for doctors)
 - Archimedes Screw
 - Democracy
 - Olympic Games
 - History Writing (Herodotus)

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