

## Station 3: Architecture

### Greek Art and Architecture

**Main Idea** Greek art and architecture expressed Greek ideas of beauty and harmony.

**Reading Focus** Do you consider any building in your neighborhood a work of art? Read on to find out about buildings that people have admired as art for centuries.

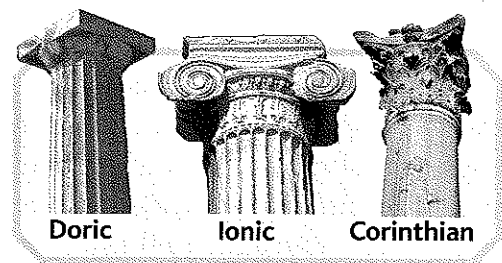
Artists in ancient Greece believed in certain ideas and tried to show those ideas in their work. These ideas have never gone out of style. Greek artists wanted people to

see reason, moderation, balance, and harmony in their work. They hoped their art would inspire people to base their lives on these same ideas.

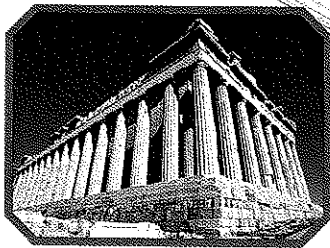
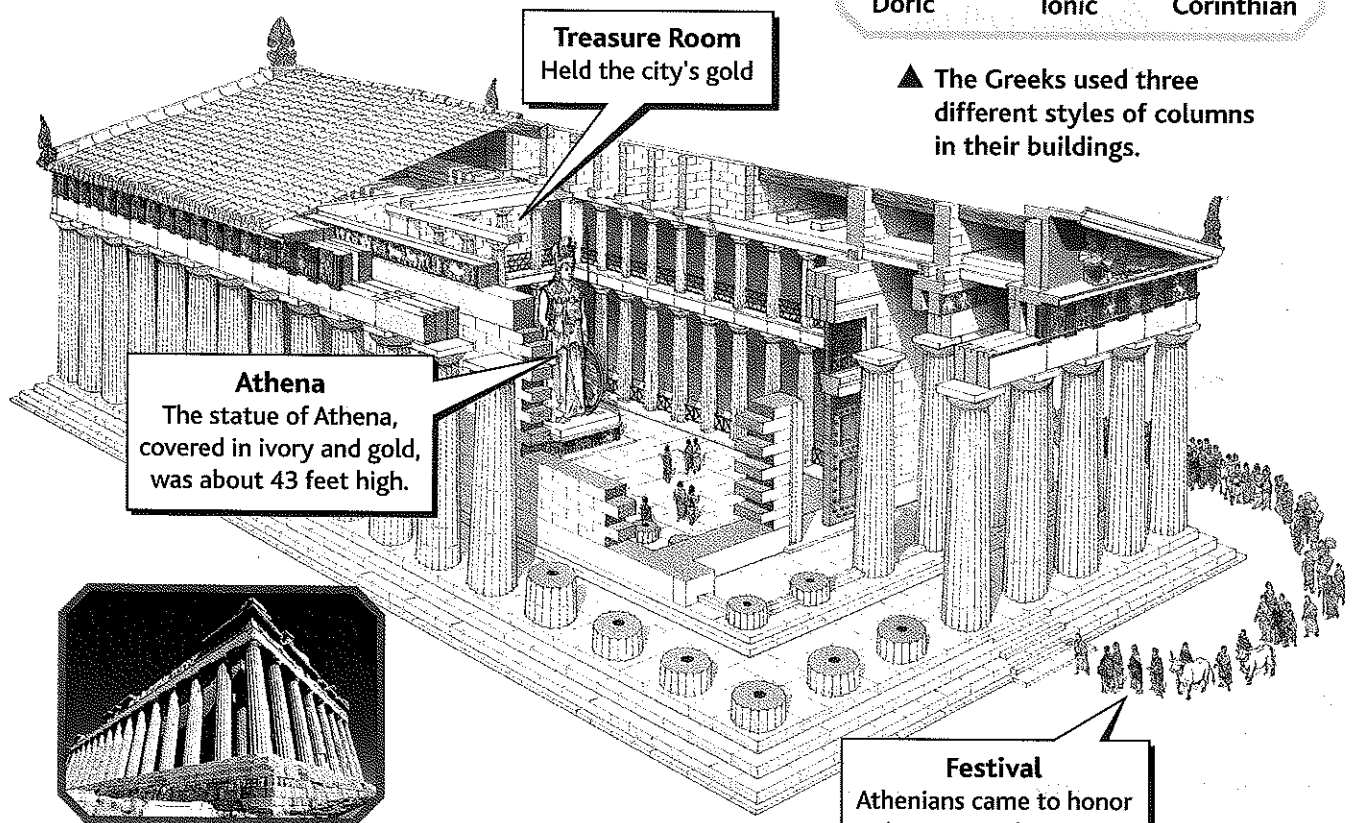
We know that the Greeks painted murals, but none of them have survived. However, we can still see examples of Greek painting on Greek pottery. The pictures on most Greek pottery are either red on a black background or black on a red background. Large vases often had scenes from Greek myths. Small drinking cups showed scenes from everyday life.

### The Parthenon

Standing at almost 230 feet long and 100 feet wide, the Parthenon was the glory of ancient Athens. It was built between 447 and 432 B.C. *What was the purpose of the Parthenon?*



▲ The Greeks used three different styles of columns in their buildings.



▲ Today the Parthenon still rises above Athens.