



ANCIENT GREECE





ARCHITECTURE

The Greeks built beautiful public buildings noted for their use of columns, proportions, and structural balance.

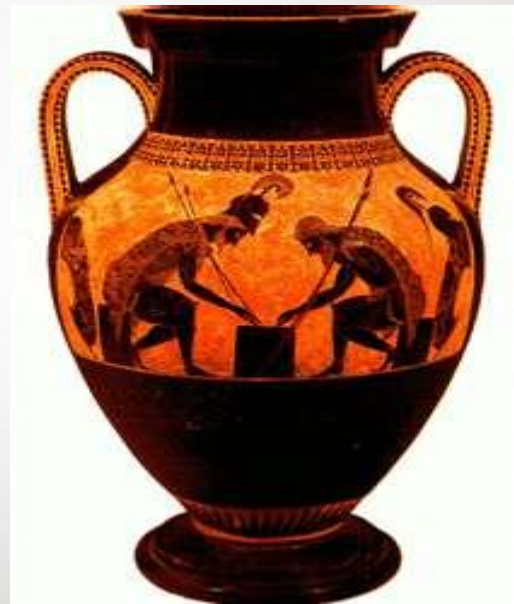
The Parthenon

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THE PARTHENON

- ❖ Right in the middle of the hustle and bustle, on a flat topped hill called Acropolis, stands a huge stone building called the Parthenon.
- ❖ This structure was built almost 2,500 years ago, during the proudest days of ancient Greece.
- ❖ It is know for its rows of high columns.

SCULPTURE AND POTTERY





SCULPTURE

- ❖ Greeks carved huge statues from marble, a hard stone that can be polished.
- ❖ The Greeks are famous for their graceful sculpture and elegant pottery.

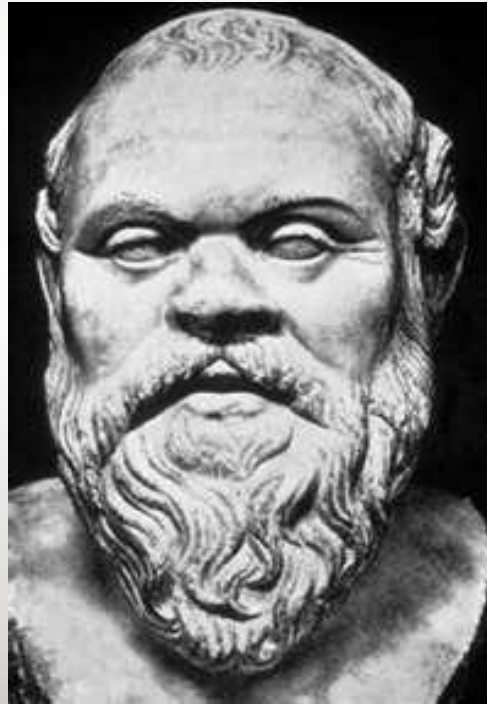


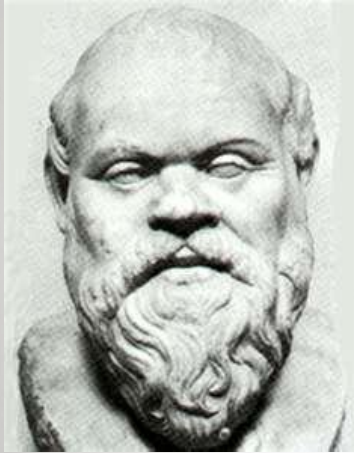


POTTERY

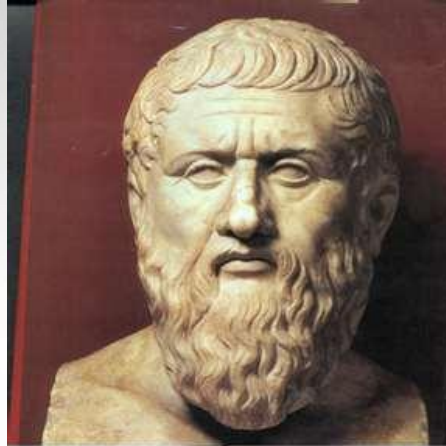
- ❖ The pottery is usually a vase.
- ❖ The vase is also called a Grecian Urn.
- ❖ A Grecian Urn has picture painted on the outside of the vase to symbolize an event that is important to the person who owns it.

PHILOSOPHY



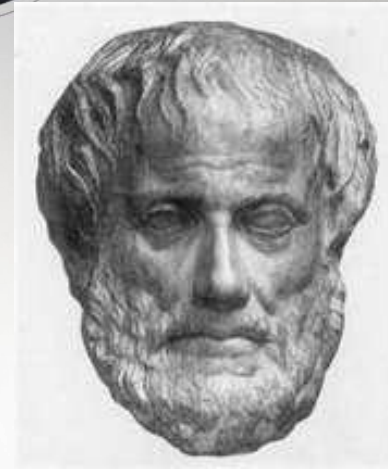


Socrates



Bust of Plato

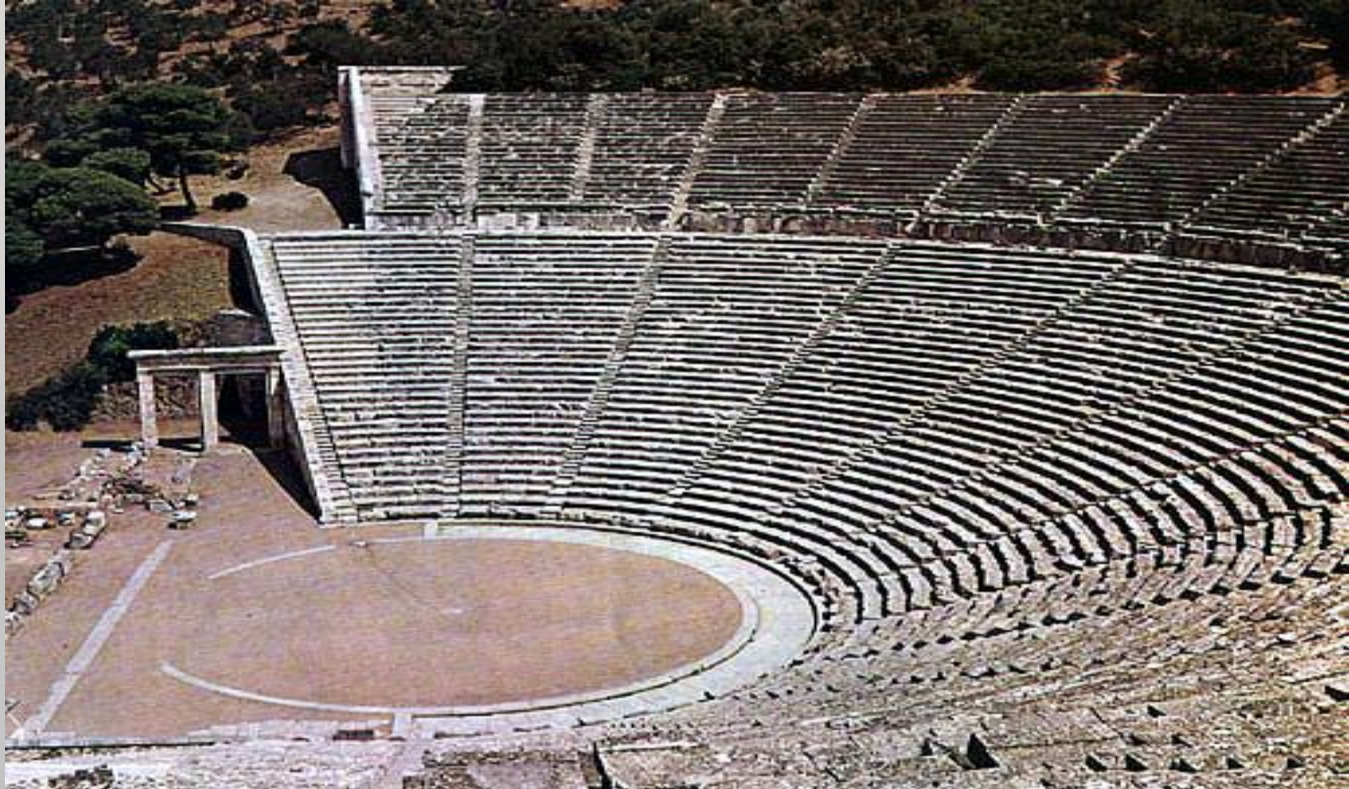
Plato



Aristotle

- ❖ The ancient Greeks developed philosophy which means “love of knowledge” in Greek.
- ❖ The philosophers were wise people and teachers who questioned the old beliefs in gods and monsters.
- ❖ They used science and reason to explore mysteries of life and nature.
- ❖ The philosophers developed a system of thoughts that are still used today.

THEATER





- ❖ The world's first plays were born in Greece.
- ❖ Thousands of spectators gather in huge outdoor theatres to watch performances of tragedies and comedies.

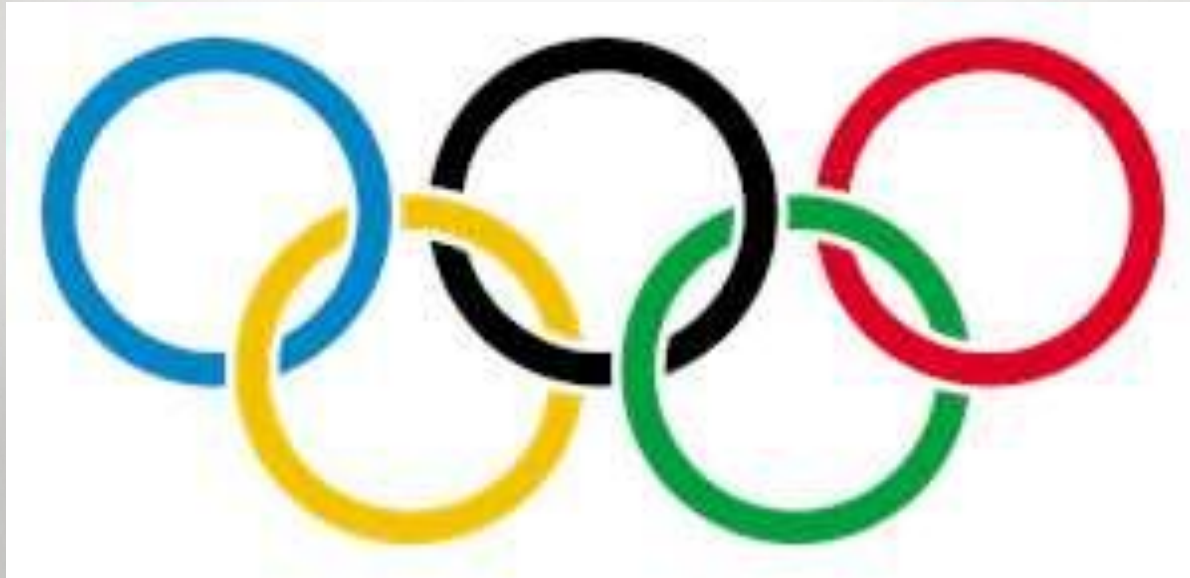


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- ❖ The masks are very large and heavy.
- ❖ In a large open-air theatre, like the Theatre of Dionysus in Athens, the classical masks were able to bring the characters' face closer to the audience, especially since they had intensely exaggerated facial features and expressions.
- ❖ Comedy and Tragedy!!!

OLYMPIC GAMES





- ❖ The Olympic Games, begun in 776 BC, took place every four years at Olympia.
- ❖ Greek athletes honored Zeus by having wrestling, jumping, chariot racing, and a few other sports.
- ❖ Ancient Olympians were crowned with wreaths of laurel, not medals of gold.
- ❖ Today, the Olympic Games – Summer and Winter – are each held in a different country every four years.
- ❖ The games still begin at Olympia with the lighting of the Olympic Flame.
- ❖ The torch is carried to the host city by relay runners and by plane. Then an Olympic athlete is chosen to light the official torch to begin the Olympic Games.