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## Talented Greek Architects

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The ancient Greeks were talented. They wrote big poems. They did marble sculptures. They also designed beautiful buildings, especially in the city of Athens. Some things you see on buildings today were found in ancient Greece.

An architect designs buildings. The Greek architects were smart. They designed the Parthenon as a temple to Pallas Athena. It had a rectangular shape. It had columns all on its sides. It used to be red, blue, and gold. Inside the temple stood a large, gold-and-ivory statue. Pericles was in charge of this temple. People in Athens were proud of it.

Today, the colors of the Parthenon have disappeared. It is plain and cream-colored. People still think that it was the most important building in history. Architects everywhere copied its classical style. They liked its dazzling columns.

The Greeks used columns in many buildings. They had three kinds. Doric columns were fat and sturdy. Ionic columns were skinny. Corinthian columns were fancy. Their tops looked like a bunch of ruffled leaves.

Many buildings today have columns that look like they came from ancient Greek temples. The Greek architects were so talented that we still use their ideas hundreds of years later!



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### Questions

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. What is the name of someone who designs buildings?
- A. a chef
  - B. an architect
  - C. a sculptor
  - D. a poet
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Who was in charge of building the Parthenon?
- A. Pericles
  - B. the Pink Panther
  - C. Pallas Athena
  - D. Poseidon
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which god or goddess was honored by the Parthenon?
- A. Pallas Athena
  - B. Poseidon
  - C. Aphrodite
  - D. Apollo

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The Parthenon used to be colorful. Check all the colors of its ancient walls.
- A. green
  - B. red
  - C. blue
  - D. gold
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. What color is the Parthenon today?
- A. white
  - B. brown
  - C. cream
  - D. black
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. What kind of column was especially fancy?
- A. Doric
  - B. Ionic
  - C. Corinthian
  - D. none of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. What was around the outside of the Parthenon?
- A. chain link fences
  - B. columns
  - C. gods
  - D. horses
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. What shape was the Parthenon?
- A. oval
  - B. square
  - C. round
  - D. rectangular

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How many of these can you write about? Think! Write! Check all the ones you answered.

- If you were a Greek god or goddess, what would you like to be in charge of, and why?
- If you had a chance to be in the Olympics in ancient Greece, what athletic event would you like to participate in, and why?

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