



Parthenon

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The Parthenon is one of the most famous buildings in the world. It was built thousands of years ago in a city called Athens, Greece. It sits at the very top of a high, rocky hill called the Acropolis so that everyone in the city could look up and see its beautiful columns.

It was built for several reasons. The original purpose of the Parthenon was to be a grand temple for Athena. In ancient Greek stories, Athena was the goddess of wisdom and courage. She was the special protector of Athens, and the city was even named after her. Inside the temple, the builders placed a massive statue of Athena that was almost 40 feet tall. It was made out of glowing gold and carved ivory.

What many forget is that the Parthenon was not just a temple. It was also used as a city treasury. The strong stone walls made it the perfect, safe place to lock up the city's gold, money, and valuable treasures.

Today, the giant golden statue is gone and the roof is missing, but people still travel from all over the world to see the strong columns and beautiful stone architecture that the ancient builders left behind.

Drawing Challenge!

Look at the pictures of the Parthenon. One is how it looks today and one is an artist's interpretation of what it would have looked like in the past.



Use only squares, rectangles, and triangles to draw the Parthenon building in the empty space below.