Athenian Art: Sculpture

1. In what ways are the (A) Egyptian and (B) Early Greek sculptures similar? How does the later Greek sculpture differ from the other two? Explain.

2. What is one thing that the Egyptian sculpture has that the Greek sculptures both lack?

3. It may seem that Classical Greek artists were trying to make their sculptures look more realistic, but according to the reading, that is actually not the case. What was their real goal, and how can we tell by examining the sculptures?

4. If most of the original Greek sculptures have been lost, how do we know about them?

Athenian Art: Pottery

5. If pottery was considered a secondhand art form, not something very special or beautiful, why does it play such a big role in the study of Ancient Greek art?

6. How did the Red Figure Pottery style, developed in Athens, allow for greater detail than the earlier Black Figure Pottery style?
Athenian Theater

7. Why was drama originally performed?

8. What was the difference between tragedy and comedy?

Using the Theater Masks, act out the scene from the comic play *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes and answer the questions.

9. What is Lysistrata's plan to end the war?

10. At first the women said they would do anything to end the war, even die, but when they hear the plan, they change their minds. Why?

11. How does this art show the influence of the Peloponnesian War on the lives of Athenians?

Athenian Architecture

12. What is an Acropolis, and what happened to the Acropolis in Athens during the Greco-Persian Wars?

13. Who commissioned the rebuilding of the Acropolis, and based on your broader knowledge of the events of this period, how do you think he paid for it?

14. The Parthenon and the rebuilt Acropolis in general served multiple functions. Describe each:
   a. Artistic:
b. Religious:

c. Political:

15. How are the Erechtheion and the Parthenon similar to the 9/11 Memorial and Freedom Tower, respectively?

16. In what ways are the other later buildings, both Ancient Roman and American, similar to the Parthenon? Why do you think they are so similar?

17. Which type of columns does each building have? Use the column chart to figure it out!

18. According to the last text, what changes has the Parthenon experienced over the years?

Making Connections

19. “Art, removed from its history, loses its true meaning.” Based on what you have learned, do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

20. Do you think this period should be considered a “Golden Age” for Greece? Why or why not? How about just for Athens?