

Greek Art

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Greek Architecture

If you went to Greece today, you would see the ruins of many ancient buildings. The Greeks took great care in designing their buildings, especially their temples. Rows of tall columns surrounded the temples, making the temples look stately and inspiring. They made their columns bulge slightly in the middle in order to make the columns look perfectly straight.



Greek Statues

Greek statues are so admired because the sculptors who made them tried to make them look perfect. To improve their art, these sculptors carefully studied the human body, especially how it looked when it was moving. Then, using what they had learned, they carved stone and marble statues.



The Greeks also made statues of various gods and goddesses for religious purposes. A statue was the place in the temple where the god or goddess was thought to be or rest.



Greek Painting

Greek painting is also admired for its realism and detail. For example, Greek artists painted detailed scenes on vases, pots, and other vessels using only two colors, black and red.