



STEAM EXPEDITION TO THE PARTHENON POST-VISIT ACTIVITY

Reflection Questions

Your students were able to experience the Greek Mythology Tour, Architecture Challenge, and Polychromy Activity during their STEAM Expedition. Upon returning to your classroom, the following questions can serve as a post-visit reflection for your students. This can be done through a 15-minute class discussion, or these questions can be assigned for homework and assessment.

1. Describe the architecture of the Parthenon.
2. What are similarities and differences between Doric and Ionic orders of columns?
3. What function did the Parthenon have back in ancient Greece?
4. Why would Athens, not other city-states (such as Sparta or Corinth) build this architectural masterpiece?
5. List names of gods and goddesses you remember seeing at the Parthenon, and their roles.
6. Before these Olympian gods ruled Greece, there were other older gods. What are these gods called?
7. What is the story of how Athena was born OR how Athena became the main goddess of Athens?
8. How would you describe the giant statue of Athena to someone who has never seen it before?
9. Based on your observations, how does color impact how you picture ancient Greece?
10. Name something that was used or created in ancient Greece that is still used today.
11. Nashville has been known as the "Athens of the South" since the 1820s—about 200 years! Do you think that Nashville is still the "Athens of the South"? Why or why not?
12. What surprised you about your visit to the Parthenon today?
13. Pick one word to summarize your entire STEAM Expedition to the Parthenon.



At-Home Architecture Challenge

It's time to put your ancient architecture skills to the test!

Using household materials, build an ancient structure similar to the Parthenon.

Building supplies can include anything found in your home: kitchen utensils, stuffed animals, toys, furniture, anything!

Example:



Source: J. KL. Misener, www.jlmisener.com/blog/2020/3/27/diy-toilet-paper-parthenon

Suggestions for sharing:

- Explain the features in your architectural masterpiece (base, columns, pediments, roof, curvature)
- Share on social media with #NashvilleParthenon and tag @NashvilleParthenon on Facebook and Instagram or @NashParthenon on Twitter—the museum will share your creations!