Chapter 5 Ancient Greece

-Called themselves Hellenes, mixing of Aegean and Indo-European invaders

-first ruled by kings, then nobles, then tyrants, then 2,500 yrs. Ago Democracy

Established

• **Humanism**- Greeks **attempted to understand** what it meant to be a human being and to understand the individual's **relationship** with the world around them- Humanism led to the concept of democracy (rule by the *demos*, the people), contributed to art, literature, politics, & science- the idea of exalting humanity and honoring the individual are so apart of the Western World that we do not realize that it came from the Greeks

= Created an introspective culture of ideas as well as action, Sophocles –achieving a balance of intellectual and physical discipline ("a sound mind in a sound body")

• **Religion**-Greeks conceptualized their gods as idealized humans, but with human passions and ambitions- the perfect individual became the Greek ideal- even their gods took on human frailty, still immortal yet humanly- heroes were men intermediate between the immortal gods and the ordinary men

= The perfection of the human body was thought to be the manner in which they most resembled the gods

- **Geography**-isolation of the Greek city states (polis) along a coast line and island =Self reliance, emphasis on the individual
- **Idealism** Plato believed that the world of visible forms (reality) was just a reflection of perfect <u>truth</u>, <u>beauty</u>, <u>and goodness</u> which exists in a world of ideas = attempted to make art ideal/perfect
- **Rationalism** the belief that the intellect is the highest human faculty. The belief that the universe was founded on rational (harmonic) principles ("all things are numbered") (and ratios). The belief that <u>through knowledge (investigation) one could unlock the logic of the universe</u>-Pythagoras = rational / intellectual approach to art making and building (progress was change, not the same)

-18th and 19th century we see societies looking at the Greeks and seeing imperfect ideals, like slavery and the exclusion of women from public life, predominantly the well-born white males ruled, war between the Greek city states was often and atrocious.

- Because of fighting between themselves they eventually fell victim to Macedon's autocracy and Rome's imperialism.

<u>Geometric (900-700 BCE)</u> –most vessels were decorated with abstract motifs of geometric designs, began the rise out of the Greek "Dark Age," by reintroducing human figures and storytelling back into the art. – Centaur is completely made up from Greeks-the nude can be seen even in this early sculpture (athletes exercised without clothes, and competed in Olympic Games in the nude)

<u>Orientalization (700-600 BCE)</u>- So much Egyptian and Near Eastern art entered into the Greek art at this time period. – inspired by composite monsters such as the lamassu and the sphinx, in 630 BCE trade with Egypt brought the Greeks into direct contact with the monumental stone architecture, which began to be constructed in Greece shortly after

<u>Archaic (600-480 BCE; 5th-3rd century)</u> 5-8, 5-9, 5-10, 5-11, 5-14, 5-19, 5-28

<u>Classical (480-400 BCE; 3rd century) and Late Classical (400-320 BCE; 3rd and 2nd century)</u> 5-33, 5-37, 5-38, 5-42, 5-46 & 47, 5-60, 5-65

-After the defeat of the Persian invaders in 480 BCE, the Greeks were so enraged by the Persians that the Hellenic identity became so strong and the history of the European civilization would be distinct from the Asian civilization from then on. The decades following the removal of the Persian threat has become known as the high point of Greek civilization.

-After their defeat of Persia the Greek city states united together for more strength, although it was supposed

to be an equal alliance, Athens became dominant and the leader of Athens, Pericles, had become a tyrant, using the tribute money (meant to aid the war effort) to restore and embellish the Acropolis that was destroyed by the Persians.

-Late Classical: the end of the Peloponnesian War (431-404 BCE) left Greece drained of its strength and in 338 BCE were conquered by Philip II, king of Macedon, he was assassinated (336) and his son, Alexander the Great succeeded him. For ten years, before his death in 323BCE, he led a campaign that overthrew the Persian Empire, Egypt, and even reached India.

-Up to this point Greeks believed in the ideals of rational beings imposing order on the environment, create "perfect" statues, discover the "correct" mathematical formulas for construction, and a community of shared values, the Peloponnesian war and the unceasing strife of the 4th Century brought an end to the idealism and resulted in disillusionment and isolation=they started to focus more on the individual and the real world of appearances rather than on the ideal world of perfect beings/ buildings.

Hellenistic (320-300 BCE; 2nd century)

5-72, 5-81, 5-82, 5-83, 5-85, 5-89

-After Alexander's defeat of the Near East and Egypt ushered in the Hellenistic age, began from his death to 32 BCE around 3 centuries. Alexander left his empire to his generals who each became kings of different regions: Antioch in Syria, Alexandria in Egypt, Pergamom in Asia Minor, and others became capital cities of these Greek kings. The international culture was united by the Greek language, Hellenistic kings became rich from the Eastern spoils and huge cosmopolitan civilizations replaced the small city-states. -new diverse culture called for a wide diversity of architecture

Architecture

- Temples were houses for the gods, altar lay outside the temple, (east end) facing the rising sun, gathered outside to worship, the temple itself housed the cult statue of the deity
- The columnar stone temples that the Greeks began to build has been the most influential building type to the Western world than any other
- Figure sculpture played major role in exterior of the temple:
 - 1) embellish the god's shrine
 - 2) tell something about the deity housed inside
 - 3) and also to serve as a votive offering
- Elevated location (often on a hill over the city) emphasized the inspiring function, a site seen from far away
- Focus on proportional order and plan, earliest temples were 1:3, while the 6th century on were close to 1:2, to the Greeks proportion to architecture and sculpture was much the same as harmony in music, which both reflected and embodied the cosmic order, balance was huge

Tholos (Circular Shrine)

Theater (Acoustics etc)

Frieze

Doric -mainland, capitals severely plain

Ionic- Aegean Islands and western coast of Asia Minor, capitals severely decorative

Corinthian

Cornice

Entablature

Caryatids-5-42, 5-43, 5,50, 5-70

Pottery

Amphora (Handles)

Krater (Mix water/wine)

Kylix (Drinking cup)

Black figure painting

Red Figure painting

Geometric & Orientalizing

Contrapposto- 5-1, 5-4, 5-19, 5-21,

<u>Mosaic Art</u> 5-69, 5-68

Questions:

Compare <u>and</u> Contrast the Archaic *Kouros* to that of the Ancient Egyptian sculpture of rulers.

How is Kritios Boy (Early Classical Period) different than the Archaic Kouros figure?

How does Hellenistic Greek Art differ in comparison to its Classical Greek predecessors?

How did the rule of Alexander the Great affect the spread of Greek Art?

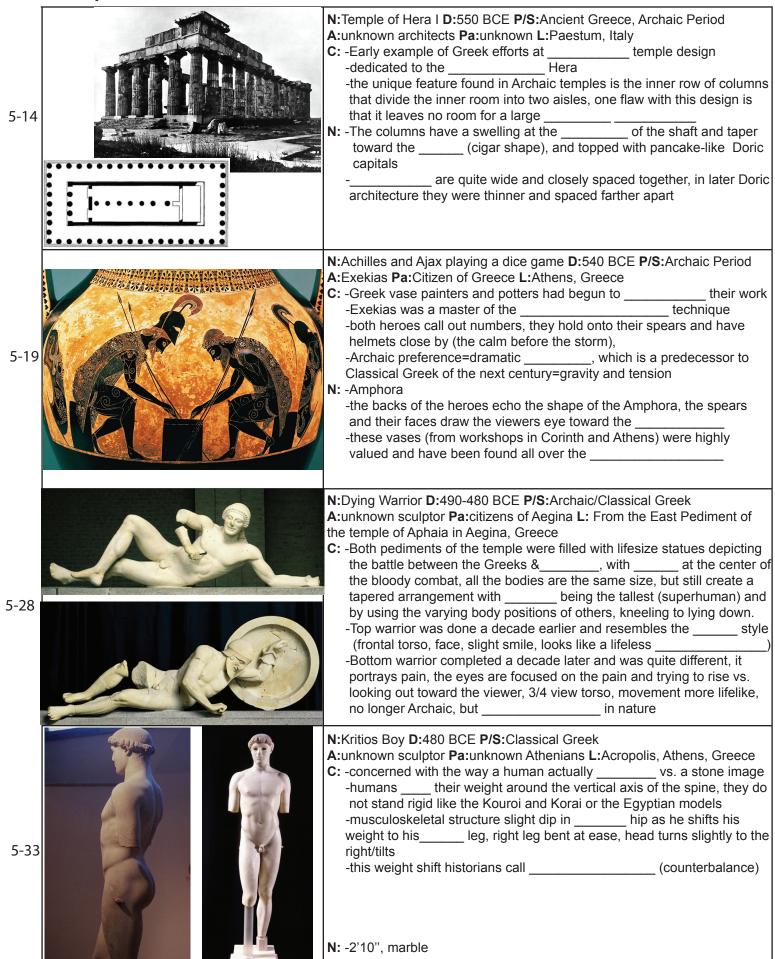
How is Market Woman quite different compared to other Greek sculptures?

Explain the 'S-Curve' in sculpture - particularly with Aphrodite of Melo.

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5-8		 N:Kouros ("youth") D:600 BCE P/S:Ancient Greece, Archaic Period A:unknown sculptor Pa:Citizen of Greece L:countryside near Athens, Greece C: -served a funerary purpose, marking a in the countryside -emulates the format for monumental stone statues (rigidly frontal, left foot slightly advanced, arms held beside body, fists clenched, thumbs forward -these were also used as votive offerings in, Greeks wanted motion not stability in the sculpted figures 2) the kouroi are, perfect bodies exposed for all to see - a love of pattern is seen in hair and rib cage-pubic muscles
5-9		 N:Calf Bearer D:550 BCE P/S:Ancient Greece, Archaic Period A:Unknown sculptor Pa:Rhonbos L:Athenian Acropolis C: -inscription at base says that a man named dedicated the statue is probably the calf bearer himself bringing an offering to the goddess Athena in thanksgiving for his prosperity, left foot forward but no longer youth (beard), -he is shown in the typical nude, yet partly clothed to show that he would not have been nude when making the offering in the temple -a love of, seen in the X that unites the man and calf together -first instance where the statue seems to, from here on in Archaic sculpture the figures seem to, contrary to the Egyptians stoic face
5-10		 N:Kroisos D:550 BCE P/S:Ancient Greece, Archaic Period A:Unknown Greek sculptor Pa:Kroisos family L:grave at Anavysos, Greece C: -a funerary statue for a man named Kroisos who died in
5-11		 N:Peplos Kore D:550BCE P/S:Ancient Greece, Archaic Period A:Unknown Sculptor Pa:citizen of Athens L:Athena's Santuary C: -all the statues of Greece were painted using encaustic painting (pigment mixed with wax and applied to the surface while it is still hot) -Kore (young) Peplos (long belted garment which gives the figure a columnar appearance) -this statue along with the calf bearer and many others were knocked over by the when they sacked the Acropolis in 480 BCE, the then buried all the Archaic statues to protect them from more invasions -a more natural approach to the skin and flesh and her arm is extended out (before it was broken off) holding something in her hand -lifesize marble

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5-37		 N:Diskobolus (Discus Thrower) D:450 BCE P/S:Classical Greece A:Myron Pa:Unkown L:Greece C: -possesses an almost Archaic frontal position in the torso, but there has been a vigorous action portrayed. The arms have been placed at the of and they create a sort of pulled bow look ready to be released, the face is turned from the viewer and is intent on the action -the does not mirror the tension of the body and instead remains -this, along with a lot of Greek sculpture from the Classical period has been copied by later in Marble, the original was hollow bronze, the were so fond of the Classic Greek statue that they made more of them and the originals are lost, the copies (oftentimes not as well made) are all that we have left to see from the original
5-38		N:Doryphoros (spear bearer) D:450 BCE P/S:Classical Greece A:Polykleitos Pa:unknown L:copy was in Pompeii, Italy C: -the most copied Greek statue -it served as a model for his vision of thenude athlete or warrior -evolution from Archaic Kouri to Kritios Boy to Riace warrior to Dory- phoros, it is the culminaton -his aim was not to just portrayhuman movement, he wanted to perfect it with a system of cross balance,arm andleg are relaxed vsleg &arm flexed, head turns to the right while the hips turn to the left, - the result is a harmony of N: -6'11" Roman marble copy
5-42 5-43		N:Parthenon D:440 BCE P/S:Classical Greece A:Iktinos & Kallikrates Pa:Pericles L:Acropolis, Athens, Greece C: -it is a wonder that anything is left of the Acropolis, multiplehave damaged it-Byzantines, Ottomans, Catholics converted it into their style of church at one point in time- and the corrosive pollutants from the factories around it are now erroding the marble -seen as thesolution to the quest for perfect proportions in Doric temple design, yet there are still some imperfections like slightly wider columns and slanted ceiling (very slender concave) to make up for some of the optical illusions -there is aof Ionic into the Doric, and can be seen in all the Acropolis buildings -built for the goddess
5-46 5-47		 N:Helios and his horses, and Dionysis L: East pediment of the Parthenon A: Phidias N:Three Goddesses L: East pediment of the Parthenon A:Phidias N: -92 Doric were decorated with sculpture, also every inch of the 524-foot-long lonic, the pediments had dozens of larger-than-life-size statues -made the compostions of the sculptures fit into the shape of the pediment, the bodies seen in relaxed positions to fit the space -the sculptor's understood the surface appearance of human, and also the mechanics of how muscles and bones make the bodies move -the thin folds of the goddesses robes cover yet sometimes reveal the body, swirling around the individuals and them together

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5-60		 N:Aphrodite of Knidos D:340 BCE P/S:Late Classical Greece A:PraxitelesPa:Knidians L:round temple of Knidos C:-Praxiteles's sculptures retained the superhuman beauty, lost grandeur, gained worldy
5-65		 N:Apoxyomenos (Scraper) D:330 BCE P/S:Late Classical Greece A:Lysippos Pa: Unkown L:Greece C: -Lysippos was so renowned that the selected him to sculpt his portrait -considered the new "" for proportions, more slender than Polykleitos, and head 1/8th the size of body, verses 1/7th -athlete scrapingfrom his body, cleaning right arm, there is a nervous energy as at any moment he is about to switch and clean the other arm -he also broke down the dominance of the view and encouraged the viewer to look at all angles (with the outstrectched arm) N: -6'9"-marble copy (Roman) original bronze
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5-82		 N:Nike alighting on a warship D:190 BCE P/S:Hellenistic Greece A:unkown sculptor Pa:Island of Samothrace L:Samothrace, Greece C: -set up in the Sanctuary of the on the island of Samothrace -Nike's right arm was once raised to crown the, the wings still beat and the wind sweeps her drapery -the warship was set in the tier of a two tier fountain, the, tier had huge bolders and the rushing water pouring down gave the impression of rushing waves dashing the sides of the warship -the Hellenistic statues interact with their and appear as living, breathing, and emotional N:-marble 8'1" high
5-83		 N:Venus de Milo (Aphrodite) D:130BCE P/S:Hellenistic Greece A:Alexandros of Antioch Pa:unknown L:Melos, Greece C:-right hand the drapery (half hearted attempt to keep it from falling) -this is seen as more, and designed the work to tease viewer even though it is more modestly dressed it has more of an aura of one can see the '' curve present in this statue N: -6'7" Marble
5-85		 N:Sleeping Satyr (Barberini Faun) D:220 BCE P/S:Hellenistic Greece A:Unknown sculptor Pa:unkown L: Greece C: -Archaic statues smile, classical stautes look away, in Hellenistic often portrayed sleep, fantasy world ofvs. rationality -drunken, restless, a semihuman follower of Dionysis known as a Barberini, he has thrown down his panther skin drapery and is in a disturbed sleep, brows furrowed comes to the front in this sculpture as well, men had been portrayed nude for centuries but did not exude draw attention to the genitals -in the male dominated Greek world,was common and it is no surprise that when artists started to explore of the human body, they turned their attention to women and men
5-89		 N:Laocoon and his sons D:early first century BCE P/S:Hellenistic A:Arthanadoros, Hagesandros, & Polydoros Pa:Roman PatronsL:Rome C: -depicts the of Laoccon and his two sons by sea serpents while they sacrificied at an altar, Laocoon was from and the gods who favored the Greeks sent the serpents to punish the Trojan for trying to warn his fellow Trojans about bringing the into the city -the is captured, writhing in pain, sea serpent bites into Laocoon's hip and he lets out a cry N: 7'10" Marble

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5-50		N:Erechtheion D:420 BCE P/S:Classical Greek A:unknown architect Pa:PericlesL:Acropolis, Athens, Greece C: -built to honor and house the ancient wooden sculpture of her, as well as other gods (ex.Erechtheus, early king of Athens) -the site chosen for the building was where Athena challenged who had staked his claim to Athens by striking the rock and producing a salt water spring (his trident mark remained to see), nearby Athena had caused an olive tree to grow, a symbol of her over him -irregular shape was not consistent with other buildings as they had to incorporate multi ple elements, also irregular ground level =all 4 walls have different character and rest on different ground levels
5-52		N:Caryatids from the south porch of the Erechtheion D:420 BCE P/S:Classical Greece A:unknwon sculptors Pa:Pericles L:Acropolis, Athens C: -they exhibit the weight shift standard of the 5th Century, they serve as weight for the unusually flat roof, but the vertical flute-like lines in the drapery conceal the heavy bearing legs (accurately balanced the dual functionality=enough rigidity to suggest the& the degree of flexibility to suggest the
5-70		 N:Theater at Epidauros D:350 BCE P/S:Late Classical Greece A:Polykleitos the Younger Pa:L:Epidauros, Greece C: -circular center called the(dancing place) -where religious rites, plays, ancient rites, songs, and dances were performed -excellent made it possible for everyone to hear and all had unobstructed views of the orchestra N: - theaters always situated on a spectators could fill the theater
5-1		 N:Geometric Krater D:750 BCE P/S:Ancient Greece, Geometric Period A:Unknown Sculptor Pa:Unknown Athenian L:Athenian grave, Greece C: -funerary krater (bowl), marked the grave, bottom of vessel is open, -precise motifs in horizontal bands -the figure, animal sculptures, and storytelling make their way back into the Greek art after the Dark Age, seen here in the vase -artist filled every empty space with little patterns of and the bodies are triangular in shape, silhouetted, profile arms, legs, torso, and head, with frontal eye, following previous traditions -to distinguish male from female=& N: feet tall

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5-4		N:Corinthian black-figure amphora D:600 BCE P/S:Orientalizing Period A:Unknown sculptor Pa:Greek citizen L:Rhodes, Greece C: -Corinthians the black-figure painting technique -typifies the Greek facinaton with the art of the (Egyptian, Near East) -bands of the Geometric Period, native animals, but included animals (ex. the Lammasu and Sphinx) from the Orient, for instance, in this vase the woman's head with bird wings
		N: -Amphora (storage jar)
5-21		 N:Herakles wrestling Antaios D:500 BCE P/S:Archaic Period, A:Euphronios Pa: unknown citizen of Greece L:Greece C: -Herakles fights the giant from Lybia known as Antaios, the giant is a son of and in order to defeat him, Herakles had to lift him off the ground and strangle him. This scene depicts their struggle, the is losing=pain on face, arm paralyzed, hair disheveled -in contrast is in control= face -changed some of the norms for figure painting, for instance the right of the giant is seen from the front, while the lower part of the is behind -these figures are not occupying a two dimensional plane, as everything before it, instead it shows space, totally revolutionary
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