

# The Akropolis of Athens

## Pre - watching

- **Learn new words**

- 1) patronage - the support or money given by a patron
- 2) roughly - without taking a lot of care to make something perfect
- 3) bolstered - supported or strengthened
- 4) renowned - known or talked about by many people; famous
- 5) disassemble - take (something) to pieces
- 6) treasury - a place or building where funds are stored
- 7) annually - every year
- 8) allegedly - is claimed to be true, although there is no proof
- 9) draft - preliminary sketch, version, or plan
- 10) erect - put together and set upright

- **Fill in the gaps using the words above**

1. A booming economy of Athens was ... by trade and silver mines.
2. The temple's priestess received a salary of 50 drachmae ...
3. ... artists, like the sculptor Phidias, were invited to rebuild the citadel.
4. Athena and Poseidon competed for the city's ....
5. The ... contained objects of great value.

- **Label the pictures**

worship    testament    ivory    gateway    spear and shield    helmet    metalsmith    masterpiece



a)-----



b)-----



c)-----



d)-----



e)-----



f)-----



g)-----



h)-----

• **Match**

1.	economic	a)	mines
2.	silver	b)	time
3.	booming	c)	animals
4.	prosperous	d)	distress
5.	sacrificed	e)	aura
6.	sacred	f)	economy
7.	foundation	g)	myth

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 5) \_\_\_\_\_  
 6) \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_

**While - Watching**

• **True or False**

- The Akropolis hasn't changed a lot during its long history.  
True or False
- The history of the Akropolis goes back to the Neolithic period.  
True or False
- Most of the buildings visible today were constructed in the 7th century BCE.  
True or False
- The location of the Akropolis has a mythical origin.  
True or False
- The Akropolis started as a fortress.  
True or False
- Athena and Poseidon weren't friends.  
True or False
- The Akropolis was considered the financial heart of the city.  
True or False
- Cella was an inner chamber of a temple.  
True or False
- The Statue of Athena was made of gold and marble.  
True or False
- The statue was a gold reserve of the city.  
True or False
- There was a pool outside the temple.  
True or False
- Humidity ruined the statue's ivory.  
True or False



• **Multiple choice**

- The Temple of Athena Nike was built ...
  - on the remains of an old building
  - as a fortress
  - in the 7th century BCE
- Greco-Persian war was in ...
  - the 6th century BCE
  - the 5th century BCE
  - the 7th century BCE
- The Temple of Athena Nike was ruined during ... war and rebuilt during ... war.
  - Peloponnesian; Greco-Persian
  - Greco-Persia; Peloponnesian



4. Athena Nike means ...
  - a) Athena of Wisdom
  - b) Athena of War
  - c) Athena of Victory
5. The Temple of Athena Nike was decorated with ...
  - a) war scenes
  - b) flowers
  - c) gods
6. A priestess of the temple earned ... drachmae annually.
  - a) 15
  - b) 50
  - c) 150
7. Who was the mythical founder of the city?
  - a) Athena
  - b) Kekrops
  - c) Poseidon
8. Where were Athena's snakes?
  - a) in a crypt
  - b) in the eastern section of the temple
  - c) under the porch
9. Athena's priestesses fed her snakes with
  - a) chocolate
  - b) fruit
  - c) cakes
10. Which of the mythological scenes were NOT carved on the Parthenon?
  - a) the fight between Athena and Poseidon
  - b) seven labors of Hercules
  - c) Pandora's box



#### After - Watching

- Match

	beginnings		endings
1)	In the 5th century BCE, the Akropolis received ...	a)	... due to trade and silver mines.
2)	The 5th century BCE was ...	b)	... built the Partheon and the Propylaea gateway.
3)	A booming economy was ...	c)	... its significant improvements.
4)	Perikles, the leader of Athens, ...	d)	... financed rebuilding of the Akropolis.
5)	Perikles, together with renowned artists, ...	e)	... extremely prosperous time for Athens.

- Fill in the gap with the following prepositions: in (3), on (2), from, behind, to, away.



The giant bronze statue of Athena Promachos was (a)... the Propylaea. Athena Promachos means "Athena who fights (b)... the front lines". Athena's name was reflected (c)... the spear and shield the statue held (d)... its hands. Phidias erected the statue (e)... the mid 5th century. According (f)... an inscription, it took 9 years and half a million drachmae to finish it. Its helmet and spear tip could be seen (g)... the sea, 60 km (h).... The metalsmith Mys engraved the ornaments ... the statue's shield.