

# **GREEK CULTURE'S 3 BASIC ERAS:**

Archaic—700-480 BCE (Obvious Egyptian influence, stiff, left foot forward and hands at the side)

Classicism—480-320 BCE (Sculpture was more natural, idealized body portrayed in marble and bronze)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Hellenistic -- 320-30 \ BCE \ (Emotional over the top artistic statement) \end{tabular}$ 

## GREEK CLASSICISM

- · Universe seen in terms of math and geometry
- · All art therefore reflected the numerical balance
- · Creation of Greek artistic canon—proportion/balance
- Stylized—Egyptian...not Greek
- · Realism and Idealism—both Greek and neither Egyptian

## **GREEK CULTURE AND ART:**

#### Greek

- 1. Horizontal
- 2. Ever-changing
- 3. Experimental
- 4. This worldly5. Democratic
- 6. Chaotic

#### Egyptian

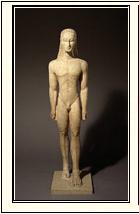
- 1. Pyramidal
- 2. Static
- 3. Traditional
- 4. Other worldly
- 5. Autocratic
- 6. Unity/continuity

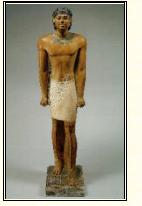
# **ARCHAIC—700-480 BCE**

- Obvious Egyptian influence, stiff, left foot forward and hands at the side, large eyes, Archaic smile
- However, notice that Greeks sculpted nudes and preferred males over females as opposed to Egyptians



Kouros c. 615 BCE (note Egyptian stance)

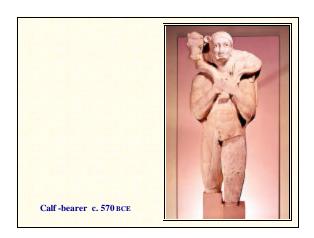


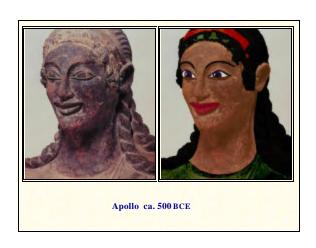






Kore ca. 530 BCE

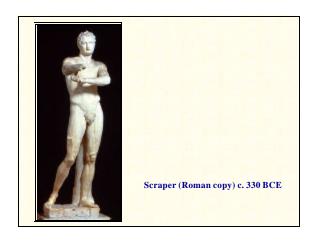






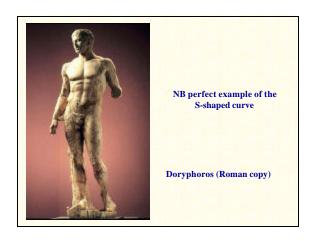


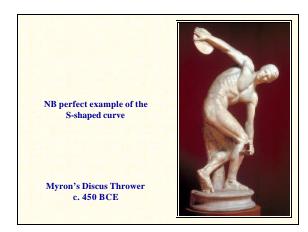


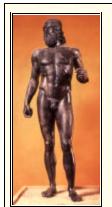










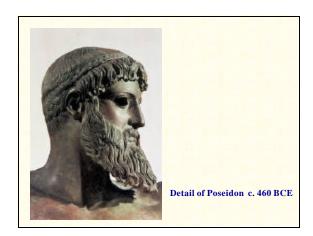


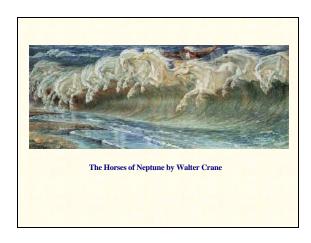


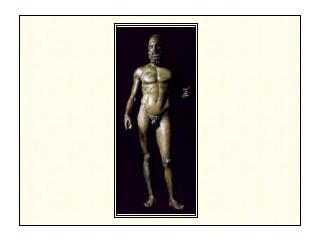
Young Warrior c. 460 BCE N.B. "S" shaped curve





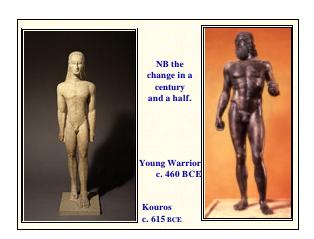


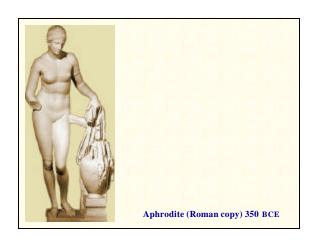




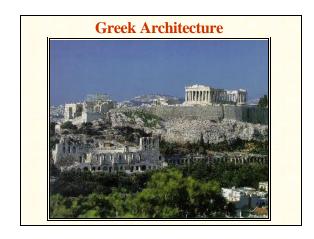


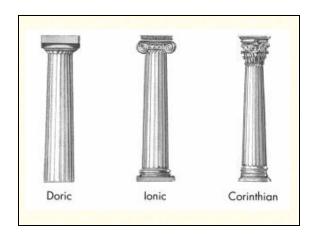




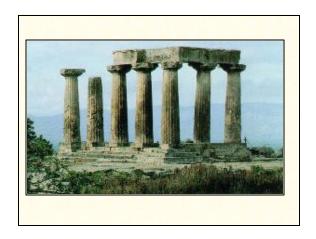


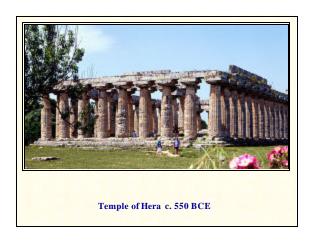


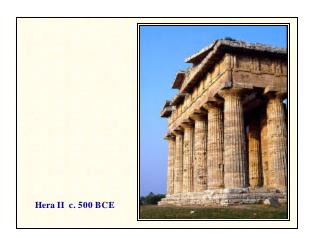


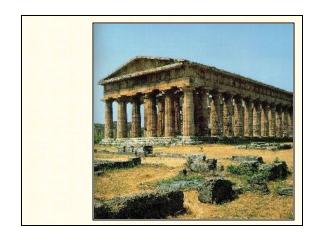




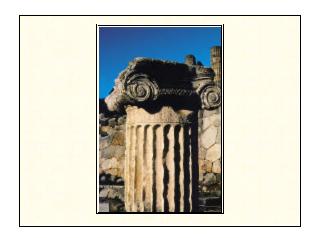




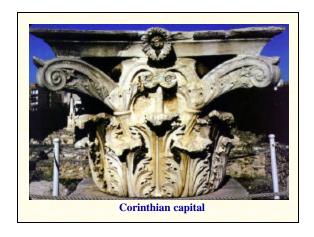




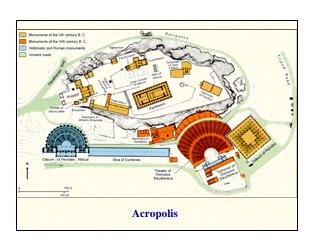


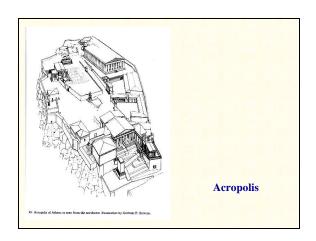




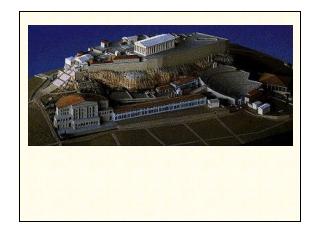


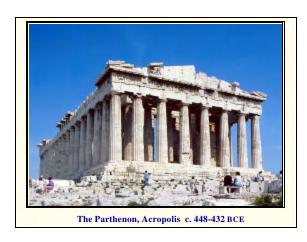


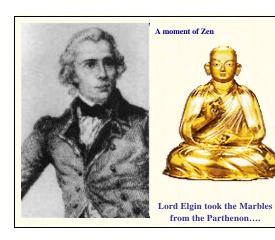










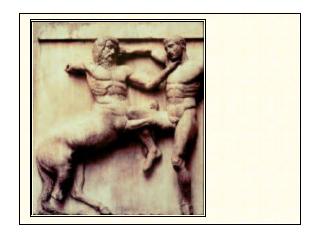


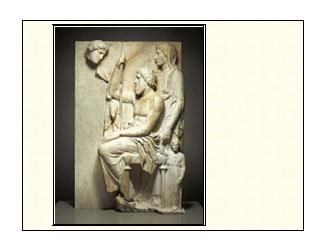
# THE "ELGIN" MARBLES the pros and cons

- By taking them, they were protected and more people have seen them in London than could have seen them in Athens.
- They are Greek marbles and not Lord Elgin's and should be returned to Greece as part of their national treasures.

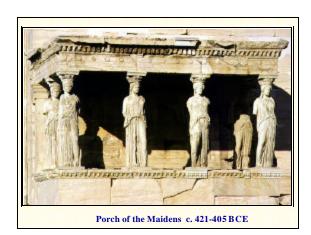
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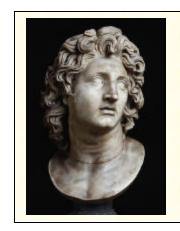




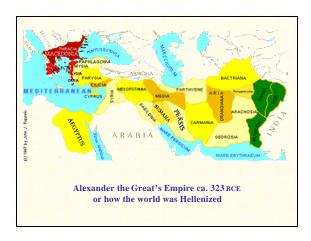






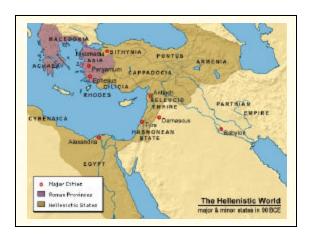


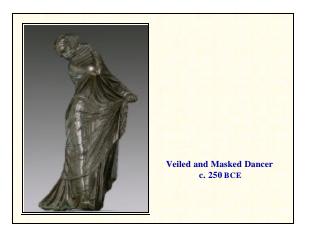
Alexander the Great 356-323 BCE

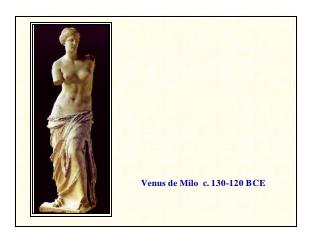


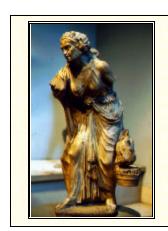
# **HELLENISTIC AGE—320-30 BCE**

- · Emotional over the top artistic statement
- Multiple influences from the East and Africa
- · Monumentality in art
- Idealism
- Art for affect

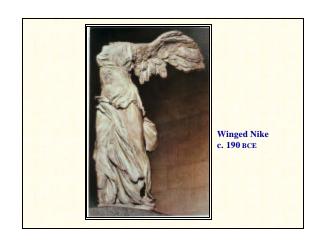


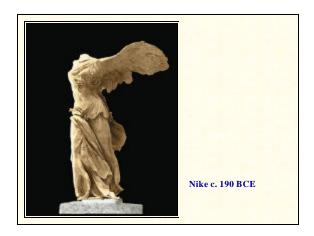


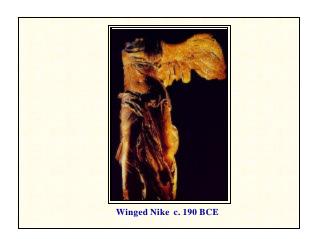




Market Woman c. 2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE







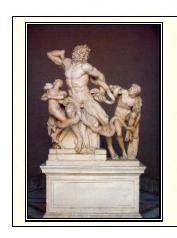




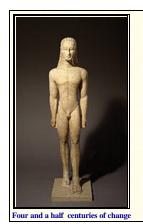


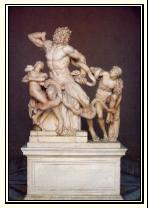
Aphrodite and Pan 100 B.C.E.





Laocoon and His Sons ca. 175-150 BCE





For an interesting world timeline: http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hm/04/hm04.htm