

The Golden Age

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480-430 B.C.

- Athens reached new heights
 - Drama
 - Sculpture
 - Poetry
 - Philosophy
 - Architecture
 - Science

The Age of Pericles

- Pericles led Athens for 32 years (461-429 B.C.)
- He had 3 Goals
 - Strengthen Democracy
 - Became paid, so even poor could participate
 - Build a Commercial Empire
 - Used funding from Delian League to make Navy strongest
 - Glorify Athens
 - Spent D.L. \$ for architecture, (ex. The Parthenon)
- He succeeded in all three!

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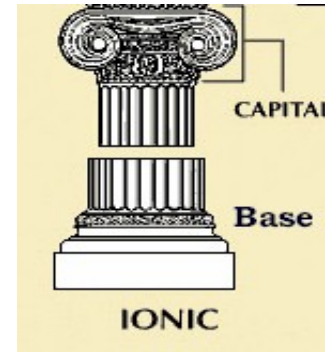


Architecture

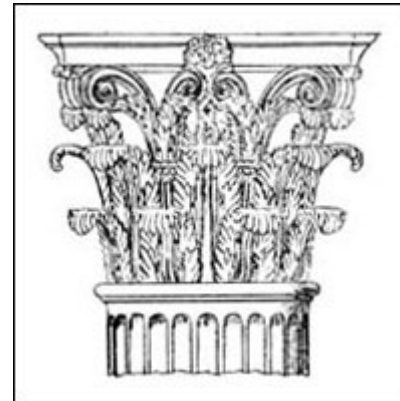
- Doric



- Ionic



- Corinthian



Drama as Education

- Drama -> pay tribute to the Gods
- Competition— award an Olive Wreath (What else?)
- Tragedy— a hero's strength -> their downfall
- Comedy— made fun of current issues
- Plays dealt with public issues of the day

Greek Playhouse



Peloponnesian War (431-404 B.C.)

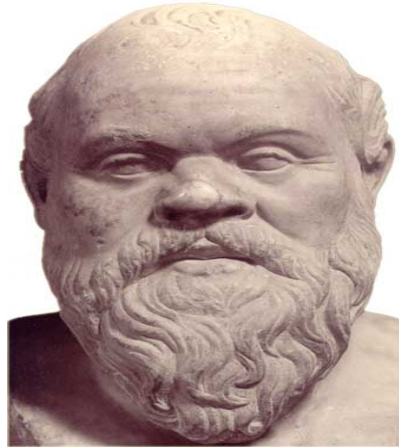
- Athens strongest navy/ Sparta strongest army
- Sparta defeated Athens after a 27 yr. war
- Athens polis and spirit were severely diminished
- Athenians begin to question democracy
- Thucydides – *History of the Peloponnesian War*

Philosophy is Born

- Why???
- Thinkers in search of truth
- Looking to understand the outcome of the Peloponnesian War, these men sought to understand the universe.

Socrates (470-399 b.c.)

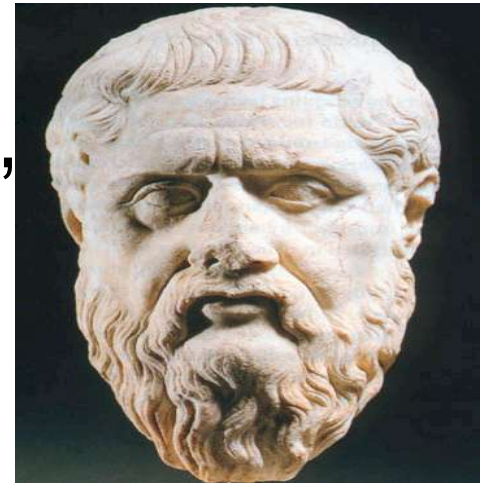
- Socratic Method– Teaching by asking questions
- He questioned all accepted values
 - Democracy
 - Patriotism
 - Religion



- Trial and sentenced to death by poison

Plato (427-347 b.c.)

- Student of Socrates
- Opened school, “The Academy”
- Wrote The Republic
- Disagreed with Democracy
due to death of Socrates



Can the Common Man Rule???

- Government
 - Society is divided into three classes
 - Workers
 - Warriors
 - Philosopher-Kings
 - Believed the brightest should rule

Aristotle (384-322 b.c.)

- Student of Plato
- Physician
- Developed syllogisms
 1. All people are mortal
 2. Socrates was a person
 3. Therefore, Socrates is Mortal
- This was the beginning of rational/scientific thought

