

Topic – Ancient Greek Temples

Open the presentation on The story of Athena and Medusa - *a mime* (session resource), read it and follow the instructions. *From the story of Athena and Medusa, what do you think temples were for in Ancient Greece? (To house the gods and goddesses)* In Ancient Greece, temples were not places where people met or where religious services happened. They were houses for gods and goddesses. Religious services happened outside the temples and inside there was a statue of the god or goddess who lived there and all the offerings given to that god or goddess by the ordinary people. They were, by far, the most important buildings in Ancient Greece. Our mime was set in the most important temple left standing today – the Parthenon, in Athens, the capital city of Ancient Greece. Athena lived there.

Look at the presentation on The Parthenon (session resource). Find out information about different aspects of the mime to help put the Parthenon in context. Find some facts about Zeus, Athena and Medusa and make notes. Look at the presentations on How to make a model of The Parthenon (session resource).

On the presentations on How to make a model of The Parthenon (session resource), there are two different ways of making the Parthenon columns. Make the vertically ridged columns out of cardboard, according to the instructions on the sheet. Find out about the columns on the actual Parthenon, in order to make them as architecturally accurate as possible. You could also research the stone carved frieze on the Parthenon and other architectural features and include them on their model. You can cut out the Athena figure included on the resource sheet to place in the temple, or you may want to mould your own god or goddess figure to reside inside their temple. Add golden offerings into their model.