

The Parthenon





Athens, Greece.
Finished in 432 BC

The Ancient Greeks built it in honour of Athena, the goddess of reason, intelligent thinking and arts. They believed she lived in the Parthenon and watched over the city of Athens, which was probably named after her.



Athena was the favourite daughter of Zeus. She didn't have a mother. Instead, she sprang full grown and clad in armour from Zeus' forehead. She was fierce and brave in battle and was allowed to use Zeus' weapons including his thunderbolt. Her holy tree was the olive tree and she was often symbolised as an owl.

