

ANCIENT GREEK SCULPTURE

The Ancient Greeks were amazing sculptors!
They created beautiful statues of gods, athletes, animals and important people.
These sculptures were made to honour, remember and inspire.

WHAT IS SCULPTURE?

Sculpture is the art of making 3D shapes.
Greek sculptures were usually made from marble or bronze.
Clay was often used for small figures and models.
They could be freestanding statues, reliefs on walls, or small figures.

MATERIALS USED



MARBLE – strong white stone, often used for statues.



BRONZE – a mixture of copper and tin, used for strong, detailed figures.



CLAY – used for models and small sculptures.

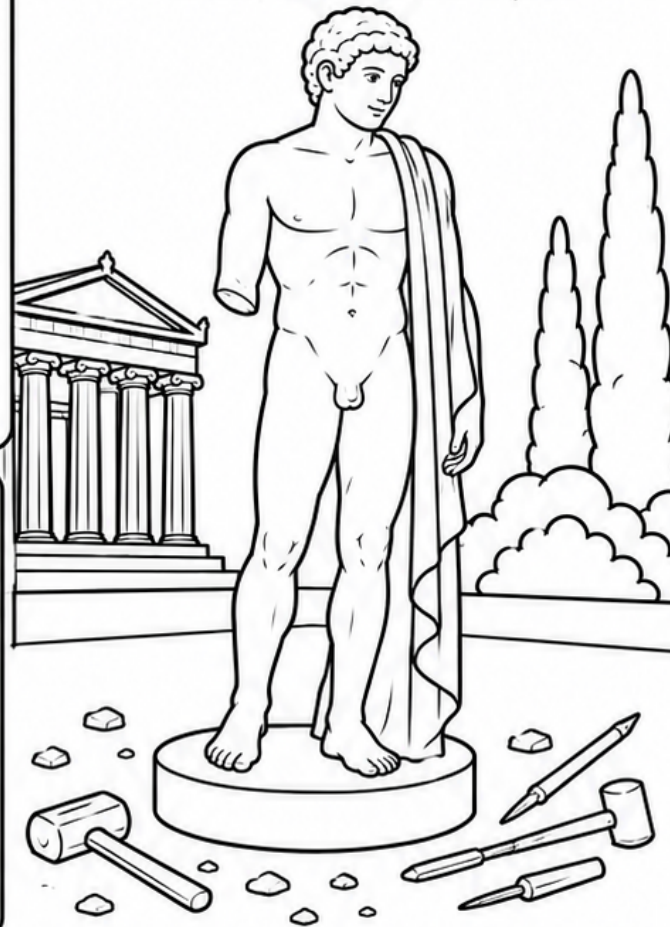
WHAT DID THEY SCULPT?

- Gods and goddesses
- Heroes and important people
- Athletes
- Animals
- Reliefs that told stories



PLACES TO SEE SCULPTURES

Sculptures were found in temples, public buildings, theatres, sanctuaries, graves and in open spaces in cities.
The Parthenon in Athens is famous for its beautiful sculptures.



HOW WERE SCULPTURES MADE?

1



Many sculptors began by making a small clay model.

2



They chose a block of stone or metal and planned the design.

3



Using chisels, hammers and points, they carefully removed the extra material.

4



The surface was smoothed and details were added.

5



The finished sculpture was polished, often painted in bright colours, and displayed in temples or public places.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ Many Ancient Greek statues were painted in bright colours like red, blue, gold and green. The paint has mostly disappeared over thousands of years, leaving the stone or bronze.
- ★ Greek sculptors tried to show perfect balance, proportion and beauty. They believed that art should show order, harmony and excellence.