

USE this trail to find Ancient Greek objects around the museum when the main Greek galleries are booked by another group.

This trail does **NOT** include Greece (16), Aegean World (20), Money (7) or the Cast Gallery (14).

GO OUTSIDE THE BUILDING TO THE FORECOURT

The Ashmolean was built in 1845 in the style of an Ancient Greek temple.

LOOK closely at the building and find these elements of Greek architecture.

DRAW a line between the labels and the pictures below.

Pediment



Classical column

Key pattern

Capital

Mythical beast

Apollo



Apollo fact

In the Ancient Greek world, Apollo was the god of music, poetry and the arts. He was the son of Zeus, king of all the gods.



RE-ENTER THE MUSEUM AND FIND OUT MORE

GO TO: Ground floor, Gallery 21: Greek and Roman Sculpture

MEET Athena a famous Greek goddess.

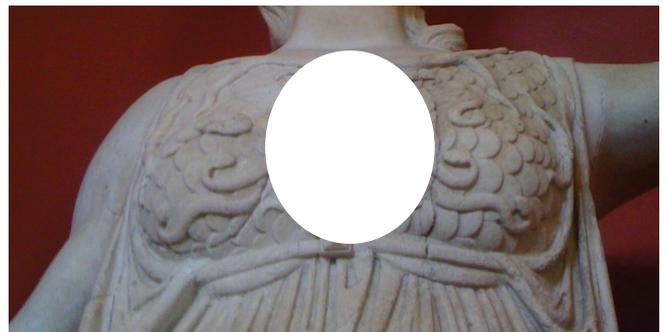


Goddess Fact

This is Athena the patron goddess of Athens. She is also the goddess of wisdom and warfare. She always wears a helmet and the 'mask of Medusa' on her breast plate.

LOOK closely at Athena's breast plate. It shows the face of the gorgon Medusa with snakes for hair. Greek myths tell us that if you looked Medusa in the eye you would be turned to stone!

DRAW Medusa's face onto this picture of the breastplate.



In this gallery HUNT for:

A giant head of the God Apollo

A throne with Griffin wings on the side

The Greek hero Herakles fighting with a lion. You will meet him again later in this trail

Griffin Information

A griffin is a mythical creature with the head and wings of an eagle and the body of a lion.

GO TO: The Atrium

FIND an ancient Greek pot in lots of pieces.

Archaeologists often find broken pots. Museum conservators can sometimes piece them back together. They also need to make sure everything on display is kept at the right temperature and in good lighting conditions.

LOOK closely at some of the broken pieces. The edges are white. Why do you think this is?

The light is too bright and the pottery has faded

The conservators wanted to make a new piece of pot but didn't have any red clay.

The conservators made the piece look different so that people could tell which pieces were new and which were from the original pot.

FIND an arm that looks like this drawing.



This arm was part of a large statue. It is made of copper and lead.

COMPARE the arm to your own arm.

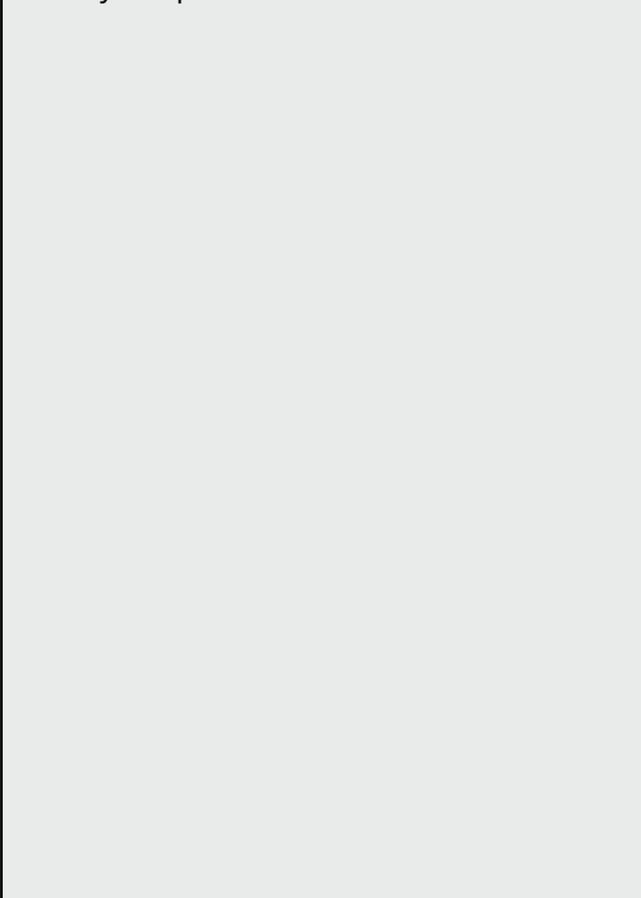
How tall do you think the statue was?

Taller than you?

Smaller than you?

Taller than your teacher?

IMAGINE what the statue might have looked like and try striking the pose....
Draw your pose here....



GO TO: Lower Ground Floor, Gallery 1, Exploring the past

FIND a small statue of the famous Ancient Greek hero Herakles. The statue is a bit like a 3D jigsaw. **READ** the labels to find out more about how it was made.

How many pieces is it made of?

GO TO: Lower Ground Floor, Gallery 7, Money

FIND the Greek coin case
Spot all these details on the coins

BEE **GRIFFIN**
DOLPHINS **WINGED HORSE**

UNSCRAMBLE the letters to find the name of the horse

S A U S P E G

DRAW your favourite coin here



FIND the Gods and heroes case

How many gods can you see?

Which god or goddess would you like to be and why? _____

Find this coin. It is Herakles again and he is fighting with a lion!



Herakles fact

Herakles was punished by the gods for really bad behaviour after he had been driven mad by the Goddess Hera who was angry with him. He had to complete twelve daring tasks to make up for it. This coin shows Herakles killing the terrifying Nemean Lion in his first task. Spears and arrows could not pierce the lion's skin so Herakles had to strangle the lion with his bare hands! As a reward he got to keep the magic lionskin.

TOP TIP: Herakles is often shown wearing the lionskin so this will help you recognise him! Try Gallery 13, Rome