

CITIES THROUGH TIME

Athens



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MISSIONS

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on your mission and share
fun facts along the way!




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Welcome to Athens!





Look around! We are in Athens, Greece. This city has an **ancient** past. It stretches back thousands of years. Let's explore it!



A Powerful Place

around
500 BCE

Listen up!
The **assembly**
is about to vote.
People will decide
on a new law.
The Athens
city-state is
a powerful
democracy!

assembly

Nai!

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One assembly had as many as 6,000 people!

432
BCE

The Parthenon is finally finished. This **temple** honors the goddess Athena.

Parthenon

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The temple held many statues. One was of Athena. It stood around 39 feet (12 meters) tall!





Below, people gather in a theater.
Plays are now popular!



Athens Timeline

around 500 BCE:

Athens is one of the first democracies in the world

432 BCE: The Parthenon is finished

404 BCE: Athens falls to Sparta at the end of the Peloponnesian War

1000s CE: Christianity grows in Athens under the Eastern Roman Empire

1687: An attack on Athens damages the Parthenon

1834: Athens becomes the capital of the Kingdom of Greece

2004: Athens hosts the Olympic Games

