

## Review for Persia and Ancient Greece

Persia:

1. How big was the Persian Empire? What other peoples and empires did it absorb?
2. How did Cyrus of Persia demonstrate effective and far-sighted rule?
3. How did Cyrus begin a new era in empire building?

Greece:

4. What do The Iliad and The Odyssey say about Greek culture?
5. What is the powerful symbolism contained in the stories of the lotus-eaters, the sirens and Scylla and Charybdis?
6. How did the Greeks view their gods?
7. How did geography influence the development of ancient Greece?
8. What did Greeks export?
9. What motivated the advance toward democracy in Athens?
10. Specifically how did reformers help Athens evolve toward democracy?
11. Why was king Darius of Persia intent on conquering Greece?
12. What is the significance of the Battle of Marathon?
13. Why did Thermopylae capture the imagination of Greeks and the world?
14. To what does Salamis refer?
15. What is the lasting significance of the victory over Persia?
16. What are the key ideas in Pericles' Funeral Oration?
17. How was Athens able to afford the extensive building program under Pericles which included the Acropolis.
18. What are the three types of columns and which was used on the acropolis?
19. Why are the Caryatids so impressive?
20. What was the Parthenon's function as a structure?
21. How does the Parthenon express a fascination with the human and the rational?
22. How do mathematical ratios relate to Greek aesthetics and the Parthenon?
23. How did the architect of the Parthenon compensate for optical illusion?
24. What is the ongoing Elgin Marbles controversy?
25. Who were the most prominent Greek playwrights and what themes did they speak to?
26. Who supported the Athenian theater program and how were the plays selected?
27. Oedipus the King, Antigone, Medea
28. What were the Lycurgan reforms in Sparta?
29. Who were the helots?
30. What is a phalanx?
31. What was the duration of military service in Sparta?
32. Why was the age of 30 significant in Sparta?
33. How did the roles of women differ in Athens and Sparta?
34. Did Spartan government have any democratic features?
35. How did Spartan militarism affect Spartan culture?

36. Why was the Delian League formed?
37. How did Athens abuse the Delian League?
38. How did the Peloponnesian War affect Greece?
39. How did Athens respond to Melian resistance?
40. What compelled Sparta to ally with Persia against Athens?
41. How did Socrates try to educate the young men of Athens?
42. Why was Socrates tried and executed by Athens?
43. Of what did true knowledge consist for Plato?
44. According to Plato, what would be the ideal government?
45. What does it mean to say that Aristotle's knowledge was encyclopedic?

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