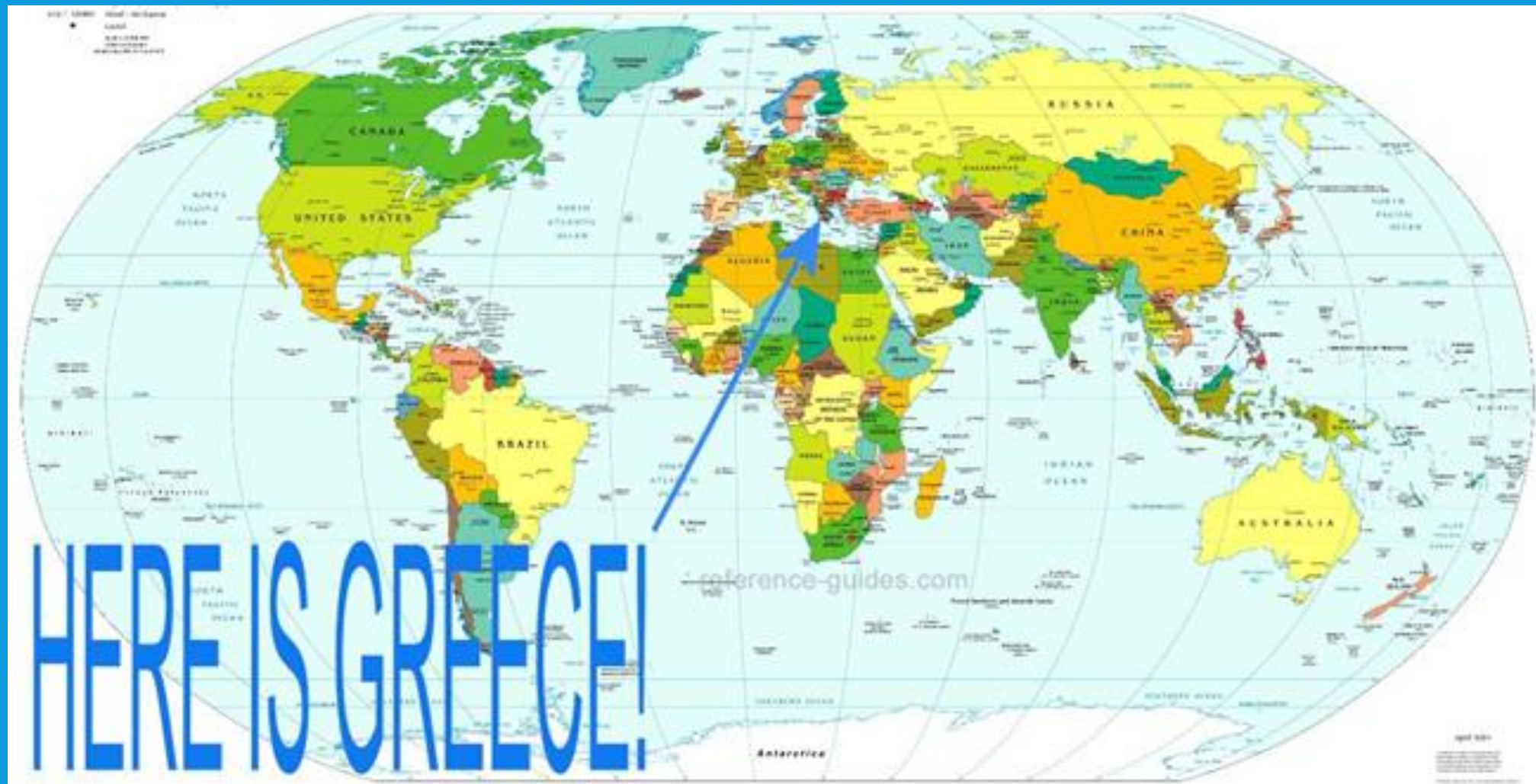




# ANCIENT GREECE



GREECE IS LOCATED IN SOUTHERN  
EUROPE, ON THE MEDITERRANEAN OCEAN



THE ANCIENT GREEKS WERE THE FIRST TO  
USE **VOTING** TO MAKE MAJOR DECISIONS.



“DEMOCRACY”



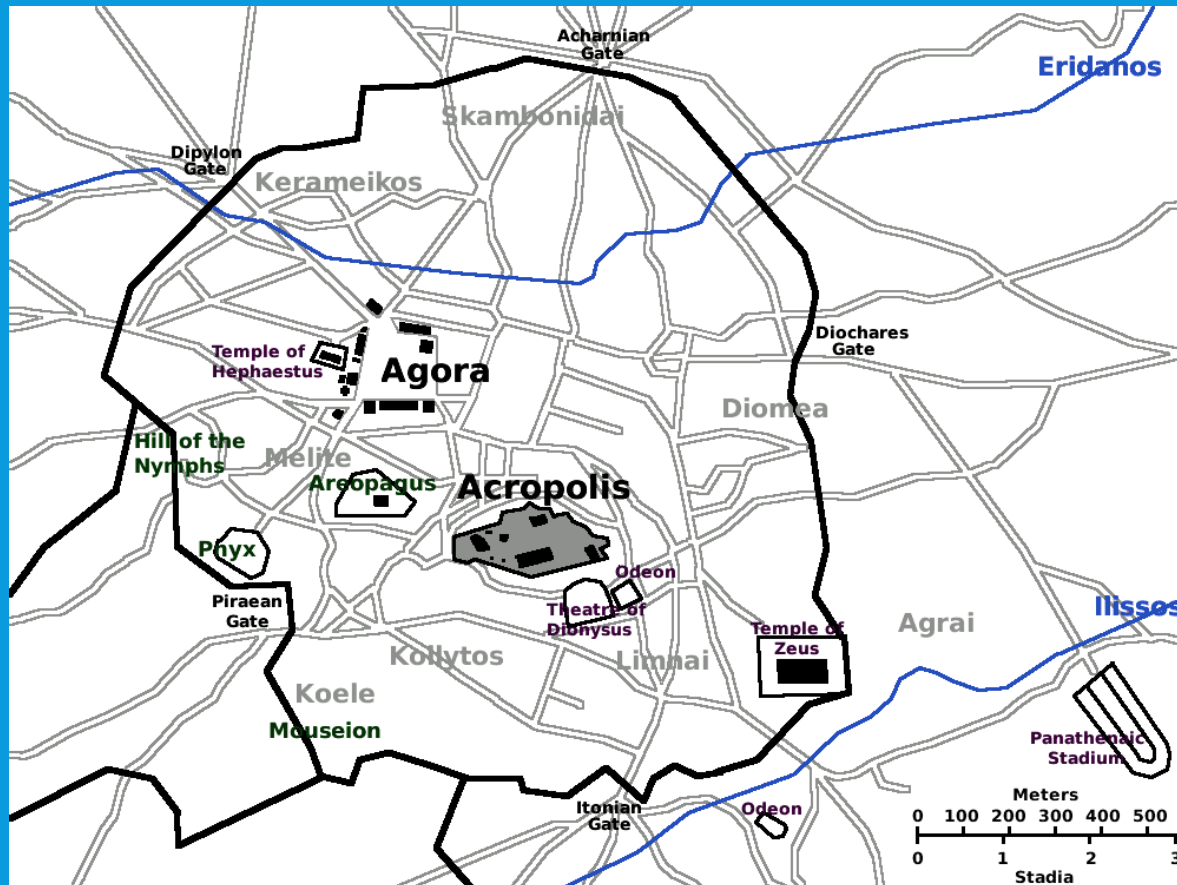
**CITY-STATES** ARE POLITICAL UNITS MADE UP OF A CITY AND ALL THE SURROUNDING LANDS.



AN **ACROPOLIS** IS A FORTRESS ON TOP OF A HILL BUILT FOR PROTECTION AT THE **HIGHEST** POINT OF THE CITY.



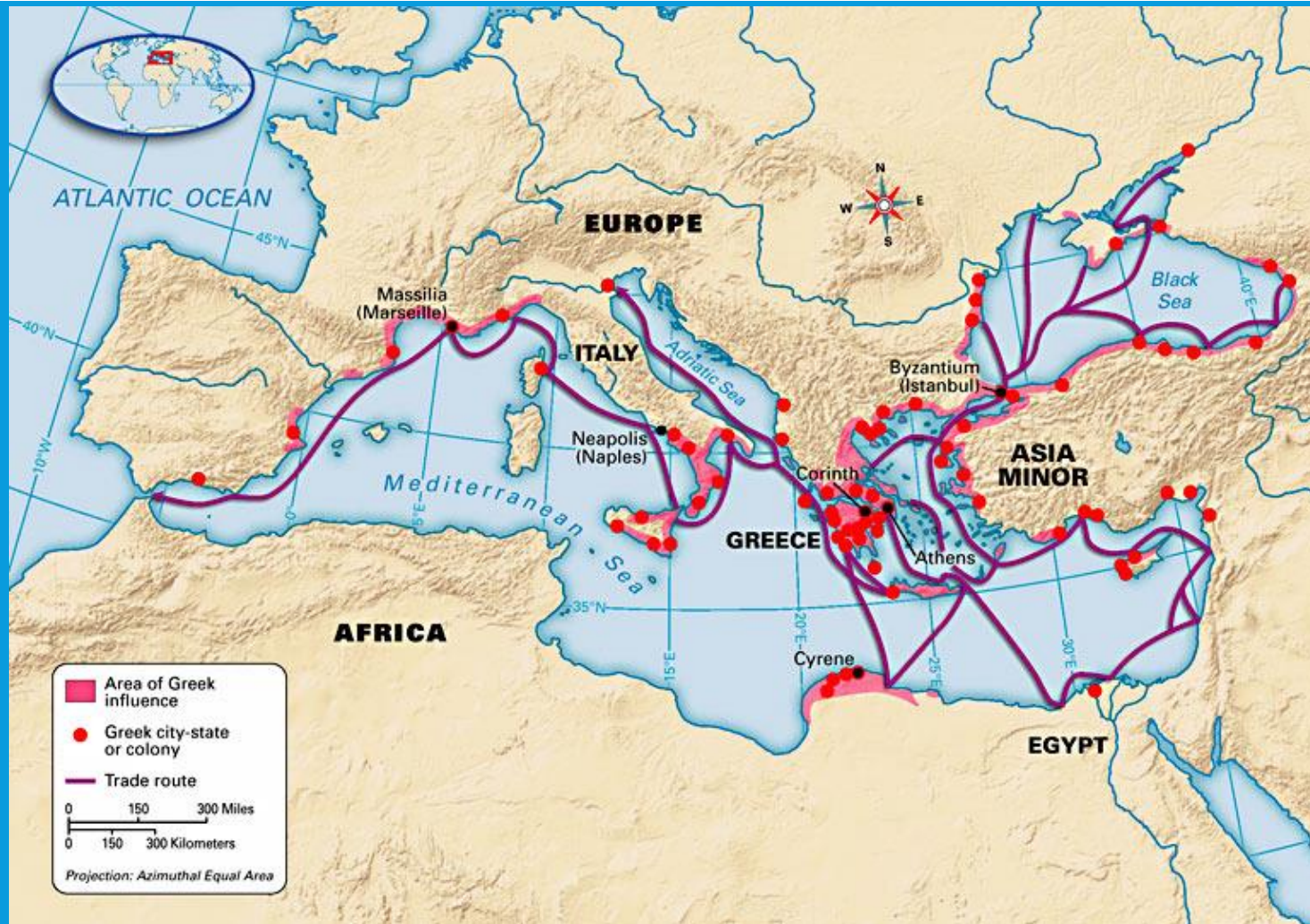
MANY **FARMERS** LIVED OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF THE CITY AND HAD TO COME IN FOR PROTECTION DURING TIMES OF WAR.



Map of ancient  
Athens, Greece



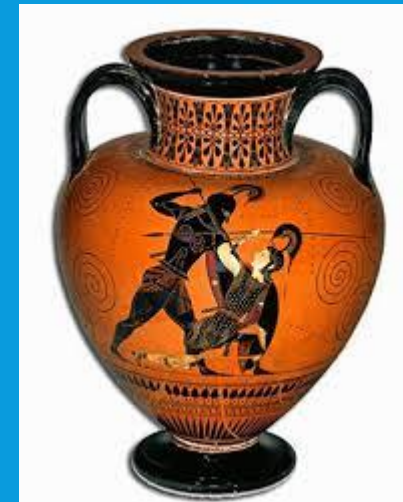
SOME CITY – STATES ESTABLISHED OUTPOSTS, OR **COLONIES**, BEYOND THE BORDERS OF GREECE SPREADING GREEK CULTURE THROUGHOUT EUROPE, **AFRICA**, AND **ASIA**



Why do so many of the trade routes stay close to shore?

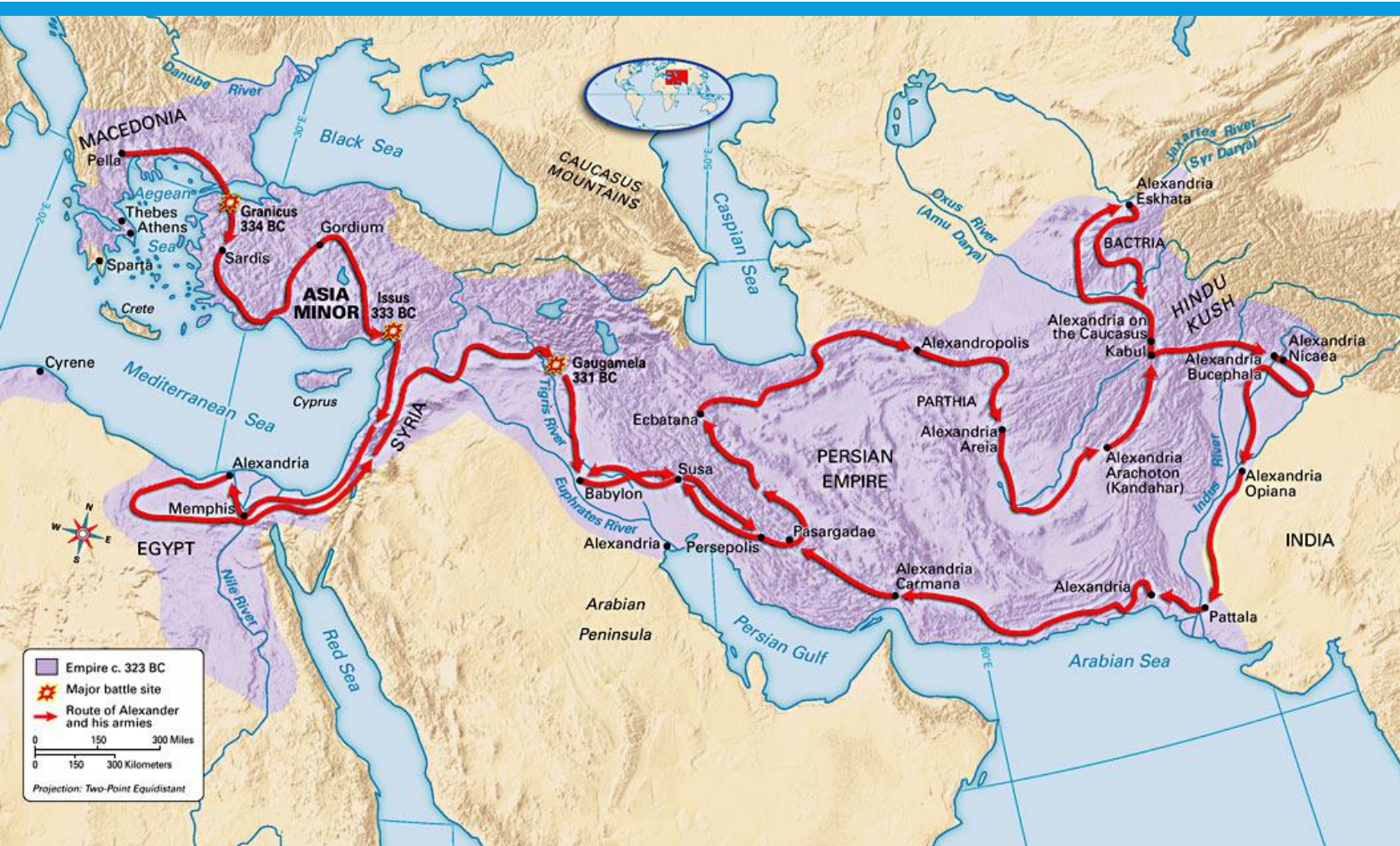
# THE GOLDEN AGE OF GREECE

500 – 300 B.C. During this time Greek society made many great achievements



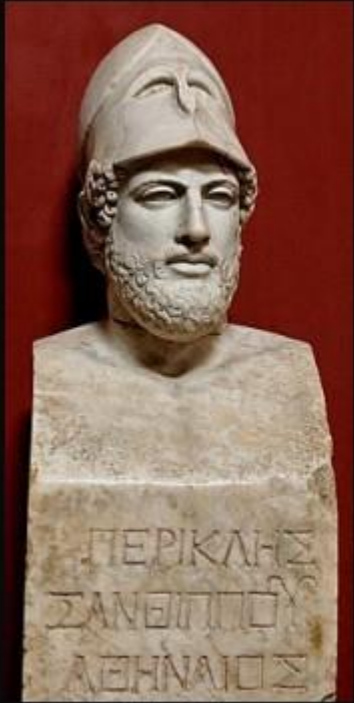


# WAR WITH PERSIA



THE GREEK CITY – STATES WERE FORCED TO BAND TOGETHER TO DEFEAT THE PERSIAN ARMY (NOW KNOWN AS IRAN) AROUND 500 B.C. THE GREEKS WERE LED BY THE CITY – STATE OF ATHENS.

**Pericles** was a great Greek Ruler. He had great temples built, and stressed the ideals of **democracy**. Under his rule, Athens became the world's first democracy where people ruled **themselves**.



What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.

(Pericles)

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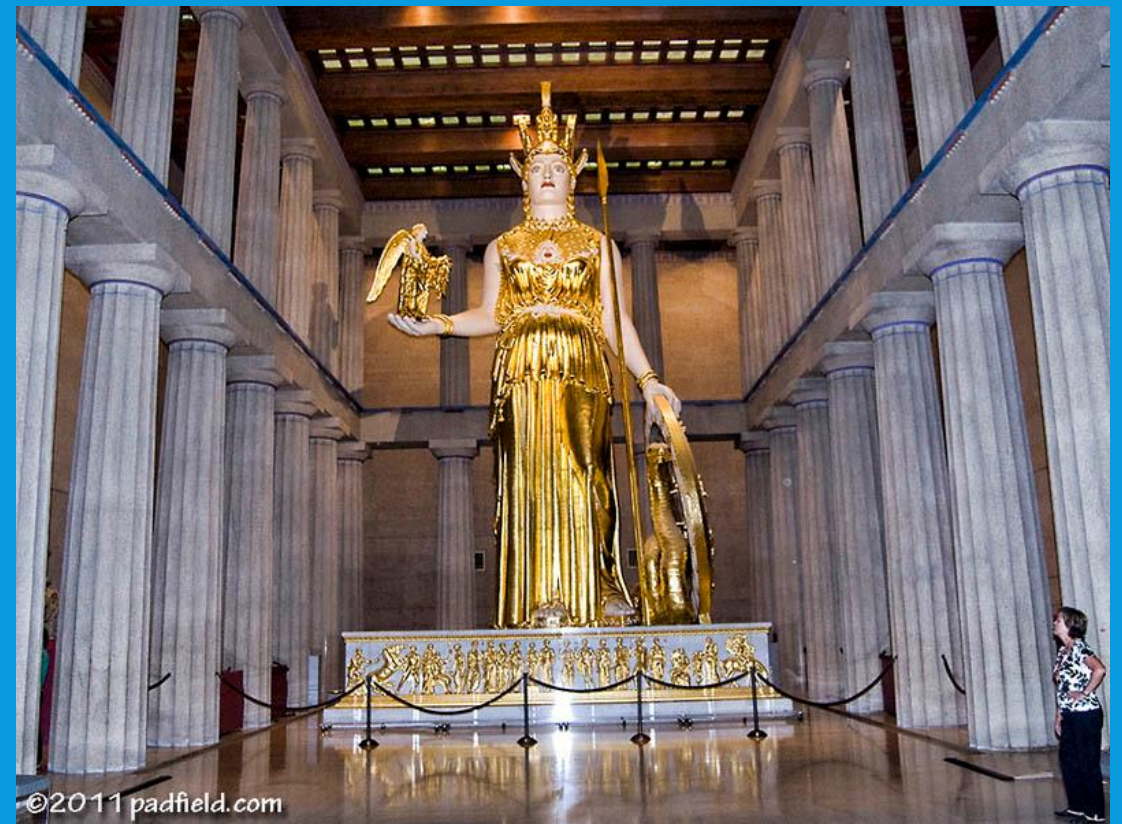
# PERICLES BELIEVED PEOPLE HAD FOUR BASIC RIGHTS UNDER DEMOCRACY:



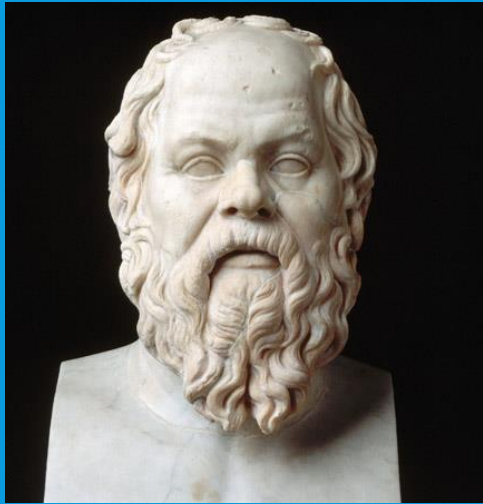
- 1. rule by the majority
- 2. equality
- 3. personal freedom
- 4. the right to get ahead through one's own ability not social class.



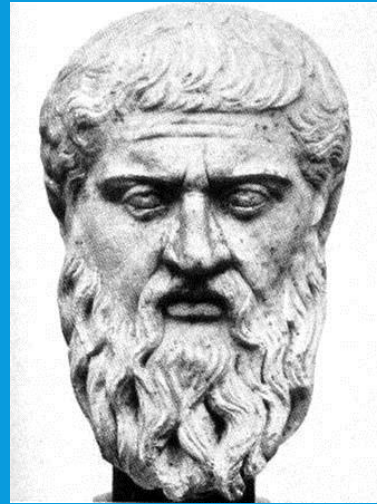
The **Parthenon** was a temple built for the goddess Athena, the protector of Athens. In her hand is the goddess of victory, **Nike**.



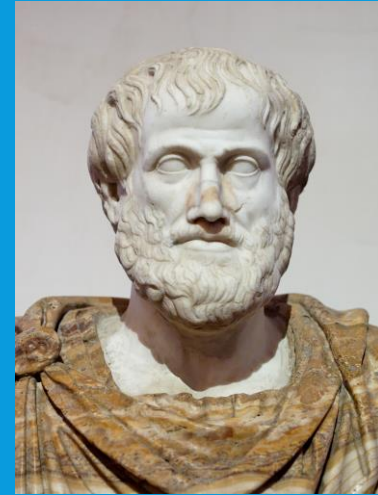
THREE GREAT GREEK PHILOSOPHERS WERE  
SOCRATES, PLATO, AND **ARISTOTLE**. THEIR IDEAS STILL  
SHAPE HOW WE LIVE AND THINK TODAY.



Socrates



Plato



Aristotle



# GREEKS WERE THE FIRST TO PERFORM PLAYS WHICH WERE PART OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES





Eventually, Greece came to an end because of war between two of the city – states, Athens and **Sparta**.



**Sparta** won eventually with the aid of many other city – states that joined in the war. This war permanently weakened Greece and it never was as strong.

# ALEXANDER THE GREAT'S EMPIRE 336– 325 B.C.

## Greek culture spread as Alexander conquered the ancient world



Because of the weakened Greece, **Alexander** the Great swept down from **Macedonia** and conquered all of Greece.



AT THE HEIGHT OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT'S REIGN,  
HIS EMPIRE STRETCHED FROM GREECE ALL THE WAY  
TO **INDIA**.





ALEXANDER THE GREAT WAS VERY EGOTISTICAL  
AND NAMED MANY OF THE CITIES HE  
CONQUERED, **ALEXANDRIA.**

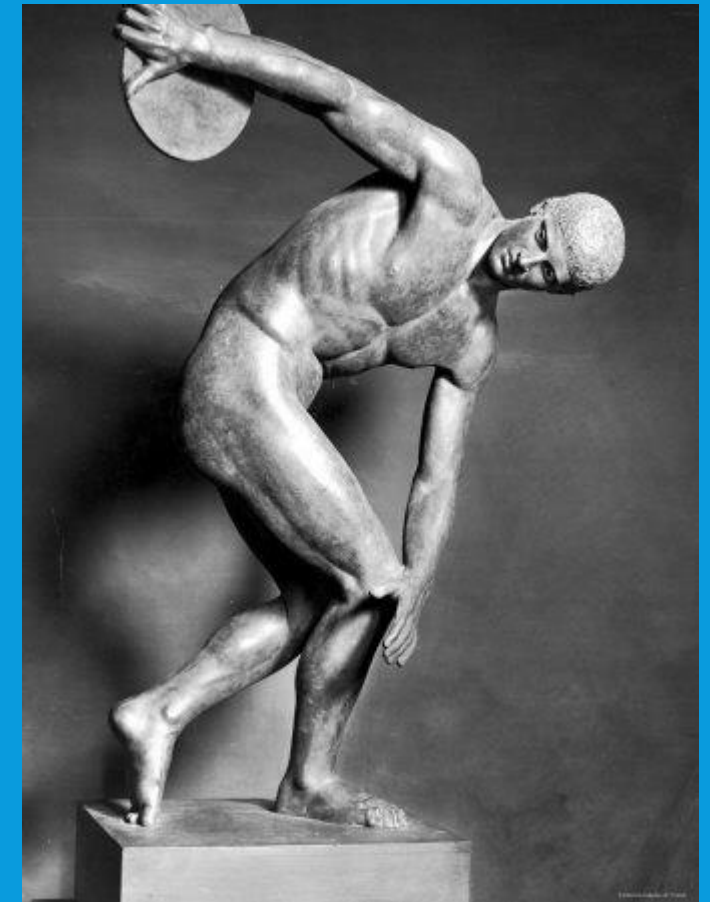




THE **OLYMPICS** WERE FIRST COMPETED IN HONOR OF THE **GODS** AND TO PREPARE FOR WARFARE.



ONLY GREEK SPEAKING MEN OF GREEK  
ANCESTRY COULD COMPETE IN THE OLYMPICS,  
OFTEN IN THE **NUDE**.





THE OLYMPICS WERE HELD EVERY 4 YEARS IN  
OLYMPIA TO HONOR **ZEUS**, THEIR MAIN GOD.



**CHARIOT** RACING WAS THE MOST POPULAR EVENT WHERE HORSES PULLING A PERSON IN A BUGGY RACED AROUND A TRACK.

