

Reading Questions: The Golden Age of Athens

Read *Patterns of Interaction*, pp. 120-125, and respond to the following in separate, well-developed paragraphs

1. Who was Pericles? What actions did he take to strengthen Athenian democracy?
2. What are the most significant differences between Athenian democracy and U.S. democracy? What are the major similarities?
3. What is the Parthenon? How does its construction and appearance reflect Greek architectural styles?
4. What values are reflected in classical Greek sculpture? Select one of the following pieces of sculpture and explain how it reflects the artistic values of Ancient Greece: The Head of Pericles (p. 121); The Statue of Athena (p. 122); The Discobolos (Discus Thrower; p. 126).
5. What were the main themes of Greek tragedy and comedy? How did Greek comedy reflect Athenian political values and contribute to societal reform?
6. Who fought in the Peloponnesian War? What factors led to Sparta's ultimate victory?
7. Who were the 3 most well-known Greek philosophers? Name two ideas or concepts for which *each* was best known.
8. What do you think Socrates meant when he said, "The unexamined life is not worth living"? Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?