



MONUMENTAL ADVENTURES

at the greek unesco monuments



EXPLORE THE MUSEUMS

ACTIVITIES E-BOOKLET

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Explore the Museums

Visit any museum and explore it with the help of this booklet.
The themes and illustration of the e-booklet is inspired by
the great museums of the Greek World Heritage Monuments.

Activities / Symbol Explanation

WHAT?



observe!



combine elements!



find!



create!



study
the map!



search for
information!



get inspired
and write!



discover
the theme!

WHERE?



in the classroom!



on the internet



during the visit
to the monument!

"Treasures" in the museum

In museums you see familiar and unfamiliar objects from the past.

Typical "treasures" from the Greco-Roman antiquity

Gods, goddesses, elegant maidens and strong youths, rare gifts for gods and people, mythical creatures, jewels, weapons and tools!
Utensils for eating and drinking, for cooking and storage, depictions of everyday life, toys, inscriptions, coins and many more surprises.

Typical "treasures" from the Byzantine and post Byzantine years

Frescos, manuscripts, mosaics and portable icons! Ecclesiastic utensils and vestments, garments, jewelry, weapons and tools!
Utensils for eating and drinking, for cooking and storage, depictions of daily life, games, coins and many more surprises!



Imagine how these objects were used, how men, women and children thought and lived in past eras!

GUESS WHAT I SEE!



**Choose silently one of the museum's most famous "occupants"!
Give the team some hints or answer questions, so they can recognise it!**

TYPE

- > statue
- > vessel
- > jewelery



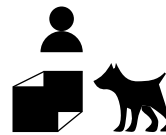
SIZE

- > very big
- > large
- > small



FIGURE

- > human
- > animal
- > object



MATERIAL

- > stone
- > clay
- > metal



FIND THE DIFFERENCES!



Hundreds of figurines of animals, humans and gods made of clay and metal are on display in the museum. They weren't all made at the same time! Notice the differences!

Don't miss it!



Note down what you find from the list below

Don't forget to see in the museum...

1

... OF DELPHI

Heniochos (Charioteer)! The Sphinx of the Naxians!
The Kore of the Treasury of the Siphnians!
The bronze bull! The music score!
The statue of Antinous!

3

... OF OLYMPIA

Hermes of Praxiteles! Nike of Paeonios!
The small and large votive offerings
to Zeus! The impressive shields!
The helmet of Miltiades!
The bronze levites (large round vessels)!
The bronze griffins and the Nikes!

2

... OF ACROPOLIS OF ATHENS

the Gigantomachy and Athena! The Korae!
The Moschophoros! The clay statues (acroteria)!
The procession of the Panathenaeans!
The ancient city under the Museum!

4

... OF DELOS

the large clay statues (acroteria) with the
winged Nikes and the abduction of the daughters
of Erechtheus! The Muses! The beautiful Nicandra!

5

... OF PYTHAGOREION IN SAMOS

the seated statue that Aiakes,
the father of the tyrant Polycrates,
dedicated to Hera! The funerary lion.

6

... OF VATHY IN SAMOS

the exotic votive offerings at the sanctuary of Hera! The figurines representing cats from Egypt! The figurines made of wood! The bronze figurines from Babylon! The fierce griffins that adorned bronze vessels! The ivory figurines! The colossal Kouros commissioned by Isches! The Kore dedicated by Cheramyis! The Statue Group by Geneleos!

8

... OF EPIDAUROS

the statues of Asklepios and Hygeia.
The healing stelae (inscriptions)!
The medical instruments!

10

... OF MYSTRAS

the manuscripts with small painted scenes (miniatures)!
The precious garment of a noblewoman.

7

... OF MYCENAE

the ivory lion! The wondrous artifacts from the tombs! The weapons and the bronze armor!
The Linear B tablets! The clay figurines!

9

... OF AIGAI

the silver banquet vessels!
The royal armour and the shield!
The Macedonian tombs! The gold wreaths!

11

... OF THE MONASTERIES

religious utensils, brocade vestments,
rare manuscripts, portable icons and
archival material from the history of
the monasteries and the monastic life.

I 'm spoilt for choice!



Identify for each material an object you like. Note it in the list and if you want, draw it or photograph it to add it later.

MATERIAL	OBJECT/ARTIFACT
Clay	
Stone	
Marble	
Bronze	
Iron	
Bone	
Ivory	
Faience	
Glasspaste or Glass	
Gold	
Silver	
Wood	



DRAWING/PHOTOGRAPH
of my favourite object

Test your knowledge

THE GIFTS OFFERED TO THE GODS
ARE CALLED

V _ _ _ _ e _ O _ _ _ _ _ s

Votive Offerings

BUT THE GIFTS OFFERED
AT THE GRAVES ARE CALLED

B _ _ _ _ l _ O _ _ _ _ _ s

Burial Offerings

THE BIG OBJECT MADE TO PLEASE
THE GODS WAS CALLED

S _ _ _ _ _ e

Statue

IN THE GREEK LAND
BEFORE THE USE OF PAPER
THE TEXTS WERE WRITTEN ON

P _ _ _ _ _ s or P _ _ _ _ _ t

Papyrus or Parchment

THE MOST VALUABLE COINS
IN ANTIQUITY WERE
MANUFACTURED FROM

G _ _ _ d

Gold

THE FRESCOS IN THE WALLS
OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ARE CALLED

H _ _ _ _ _ s

Hagiographies

Explore and discover: gods



Identify the gods and goddesses in the vases or sculptures of the museum you are in!
Mark those you found! Notice how they act, what they do and where they are! Let's start!



1. Which goddess do you see?

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2. What is she doing?

.....
.....
.....



Everyone loves to win! A Nike is about to spread her wings! Draw them!

***I AM THE GODDESS NIKE. I WAS MADE BY
ARCHERMOS, DEDICATED TO APOLLO BY MIKIADES
IN DELOS. DO YOU REMEMBER OTHER FAMOUS
NIKES FROM OTHER UNESCO MONUMENTS?***

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Nike of Paenios in Olympia, Temple of Apteros Nike on the Acropolis of Athens, Statue of Nike offering of Mikiadis, work of Archermos in Delos.

Explore and discover: heroes



Everyone loves heroes! Explore the gallery to find depictions of heroes! Let's start!



I AM THE DEMIGOD HERACLES. MY FIGURE AND MY LABOURS OFTEN ADORN TEMPLES, VASES, COINS AND VARIOUS WORKS OF ART. SEARCH CAREFULLY IN THE MUSEUM YOU VISIT AND YOU WILL FIND ME!



**COULD YOU FIND MORE HEROES
IN THE MUSEUM?**



Explore and discover: mythical creatures

I'M THE SPHINX WITH THE AWESOME RIDDLES! SOLVE AN EASY ONE: WHERE HAVE I BEEN HIDING IN THIS MUSEUM?

MAYBE YOU'LL FIND MY FRIENDS HERE! THE GRIFFIN, SIREN, PEGASUS AND CHIMERA! I HAVE A WOMAN'S HEAD, WINGS LIKE A BIRD, BUT A LION'S BODY! PAINT THE MISSING PARTS!



See the pictures. below. Match each one with the description that matches it.



- Griffin



- Siren



- Gorgo Medusa



- Threebodied Demon

Explore and discover: people



Notice how men, women and children
are represented at the Museum!
Draw any figure you want.

Draw the other half of the pictures and fill them with color.



Look at the pictures. Match each one
with the description that matches it.



Heniochos
(Charioteer)



Scribe



Potter



Horseman



Athlete



Warrior



Calf-bearer
(Votive bearer)



Piper

Explore and discover: animals

In the museum you will often see depictions or figurines of various animals: horse, dog, pig, wild goat, goat, bull, hare, deer, lion, panther, rooster, owl, dove, fish, octopus, turtle, other:

 Look at the pictures and note which animal each is:



**IMPOSING LIONS!
STANDING OVER TOMBS OF
WARRIORS THEY SHOWED THE
BRAVERY OF THE DEAD! STANDING
IN LINE ALONG THE SACRED ROAD,
THE WAY LEADING TO THE
SANCTUARY, THEY LOOKED
LIKE SANCTUARY GUARDS!
FIND BIG AND SMALL LIONS
IN THE MUSEUM!**



Explore and discover: nature and plants

A favorite theme for decorating small and big objects in the past were plants and miscellaneous real or imaginary flowers!

Very popular was the rosette, a motif that depicted the flower of the wild rose!



Look around you! In what objects you can see decoration with rosettes?

Which flower is the anthemion?

Recognise in the museum the most beloved flower in ancient Greek art, reminiscent of palm leaf and honeysuckle flowers, which.... does not correspond to a real plant!



Draw your favourite anthemion at the museum!



The anthemion was the main decorative element on many tombstones.

Color the anthemion below.



Identify the different plants around you, in pottery, jewelry and sculpture!

- > Find depictions with the olive tree, the vine and the ivy! Do you know which gods they were associated with?
- > Find and draw the spiny leaves of acanthus! Notice what objects they adorn?

Explore and discover: objects of daily use

Think... what objects have always been everywhere?

Small and large utensils! Familiar and unfamiliar tools!

Depictions of garments and clothing accessories, such as belts, shoes! Jewellery! Weapons! Toys!



Draw such objects that make an impression to you in every museum you visit!

Do the items below remind you of anything? Match the picture with its name and its use, connecting the dots correctly!

• plaggona

• oil lamp

• helmet

• trapeza

• strigil and alabastron

• hearth

• boar tusk helmet



• war helmet

• table

• doll

• athlete 's accessories:
scraper and massage
oil vase

• cooker and oven,
kitchen

• lamp