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Greek Art

Introduction:-

Greek Art began in the Cycladic and Minoan civilization and gave birth to western classical Art.

The aim of Greek art was to express true ideals.

A major branch of Greek art was sculpture.

Period:- The Art of ancient Greek is usually divided into four periods:-

- (i) The Geometric period:-1000 BC
 - (ii) The Archaic period:- 750-500 BC
 - (iii) The classical period:- 500-336 BC
 - (iv) The Hellenistic period:- 336-146 BC
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Main forms of Greek Art:-

- (A) Architecture
- (B) Sculpture
- (C) Painting
- (D) Poetry

A. Introduction to Greek Architecture Sculpture

Types of Architecture:

- (i) The Doric order
- (ii) The Ionic order
- (iii) The Corinthian order

B. Sculpture

Here are some of the most famous works by renowned ancient Greek Sculptors that you need to know:

- (i) Peplor kore, C. 530 Bc.
- (ii) Discus thrower (Discobolus) Myron 425 Bc.
- (iii) The Parthenon Prieze (Phidias) 443-437 Bc.
- (iv) Varvakeion Athena (Phidias) 438 Bc.
- (v) Doryphoros (Spear Bearer) Polykleitos 440-440 Bc.
- (vi) Winged victory of Samothrace, 220-185 Bc.

Fundamental Characteristic of Greek Art (Sculpture)

- Beauty of form
- Expression
- Movement
- Volume
- Ideal form of the human body
- Harmony and balance in the Art work.
- Religious Sculpture.
- Human beauty was the 'canon'

- Sculpture was compared almost entirely of marble or bronze.
 - Roman copies Greek sculpture.
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C. Greek painting (Vase painting)

(Pottery)

Greek Pottery from (1000 to 400Bc) provides some of the oldest and most diverse representations of the culture, beliefs and practices of the ancient Greeks. Greek Pottery produced practical vessels for wine, water, oil and perfumes.

Greek painting has survived mainly as pottery decoration. The few surviving Greek murals are remarkable however, as they exhibit significant advances in techniques of realism. The heart of Greek culture was Athens.

Pottery painting-There were three styles

- (i) Black figure style.
- (ii) Red figure style
- (iii) White ground style

Note:- Kindly see the concerning website for plates of Greek Art.