

# The Search for Knowledge

- Socrates
  - Golden Age of Athens
  - Taught in the marketplace- wisdom and goodness
  - “know thyself”- forced people to question their beliefs- sometimes angered them
  - 399 bc- brought to trial for corrupting youth and dishonoring gods
  - Sentenced to death by forced suicide- drank poison

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- Plato and Aristotle

- Plato- one of Socrates students- came to mistrust democracy

- *The Republic*- society should be 3 groups: 1. workers, 2. soldiers, 3. philosopher-rulers

- Founded a school in Athens- the Academy

- Aristotle- one of Plato's students

- Reason should guide knowledge

- Started his own school- the Lyceum

# Visual and Dramatic Arts

- The Parthenon
  - Pericles best known for beautifying Athens
  - Rebuilt the Acropolis- Greek architecture at its best
  - Parthenon- temple to Athena- made of marble with columns all around
    - Held a 40 ft tall statue of Athena made of wood, ivory, and gold
    - Many art works still exist- sculptures- lifelike, accurate, and perfect- show Greeks desire for perfection

# Visual and Dramatic Arts

- Dramas
  - 400s bc- Golden Age- first ppl to write dramas
  - Tragedy- serious story that ends in disaster
  - Between scenes- chorus chanted or sang poems
    - Gave background info, made comments, or praised the gods
- Comedies
  - Made fun of politicians or poked fun at customs