

- **Aim: What does the art of classical Greece tell us about that civilization's culture and society?**

Do Now: What is art?



# ART

- The creation of something visual (such as a painting, sculpture, performance, photograph, film, etc.) that is intended to be valued or appreciated for its beauty or emotional impact.
- Is this art?
- What does this piece of American art tell us about American Society





# Amphora from Vulci (540-530 B.C.E.)



# Nolan Amphora circa 440/430 BC.



- <https://www.mfa.org/collections/object/two-handled-jar-amphora-with-achilles-and-ajax-153408>

# Discobolus, The Discus Thrower (450 B.C.E)



Nike of Samothrace  
(190 B.C.E.)





# Stag Rhyton (first century A.D.)



# Greek Art & Society

- Painting – originally sticklike figures – gradually became more realistic
- Literature and Mythology – played an important role in Greek art and Greek life
- Sculpture idealized the human body – considered beautiful and perfectly proportioned (Discus Thrower - strength and motion)
- Proportion, balance and unity were Greek ideals
- Encouraged many forms of art



# Greek Art Vocabulary

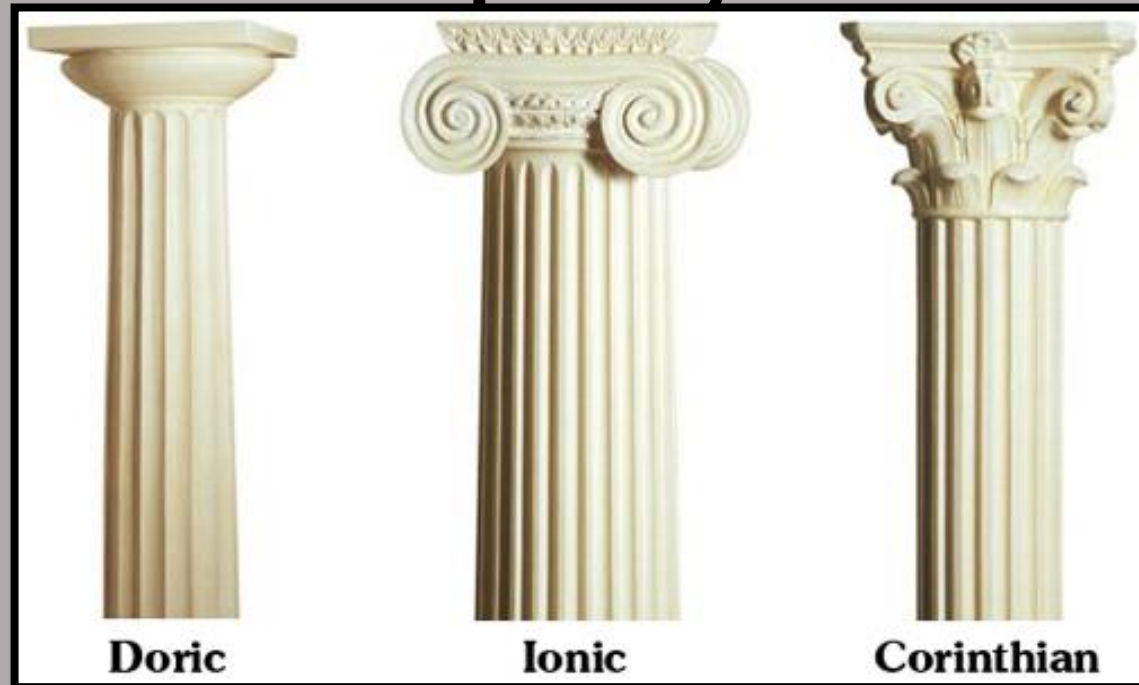
- Amphora – a two handed vessel
- Stag – Adult male deer
- Rhyton - a type of drinking vessel

# Greek Architecture Classical Architecture



# Types of Columns:

There are three different types of columns: Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian. The names (Doric, Ionic and Corinthian) show the geographic area in which they were frequently found.



# Doric Columns

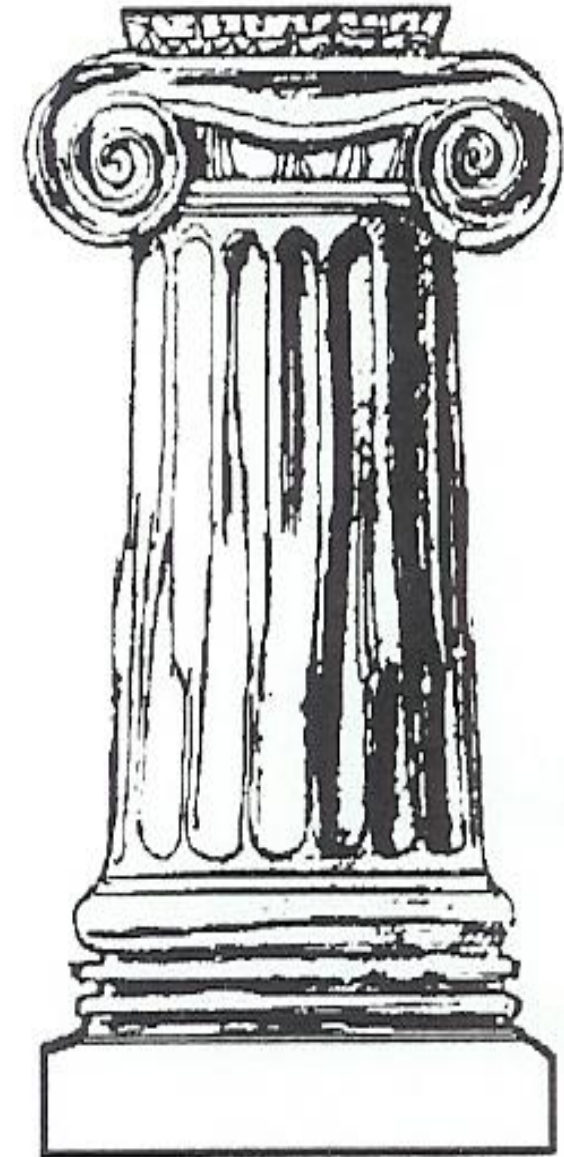
The Doric style was simple. The columns were either grooved or fluted and had a plain top (capital). The column did not have a base, it stood flat on the floor.



**Doric**

# Ionic Columns:

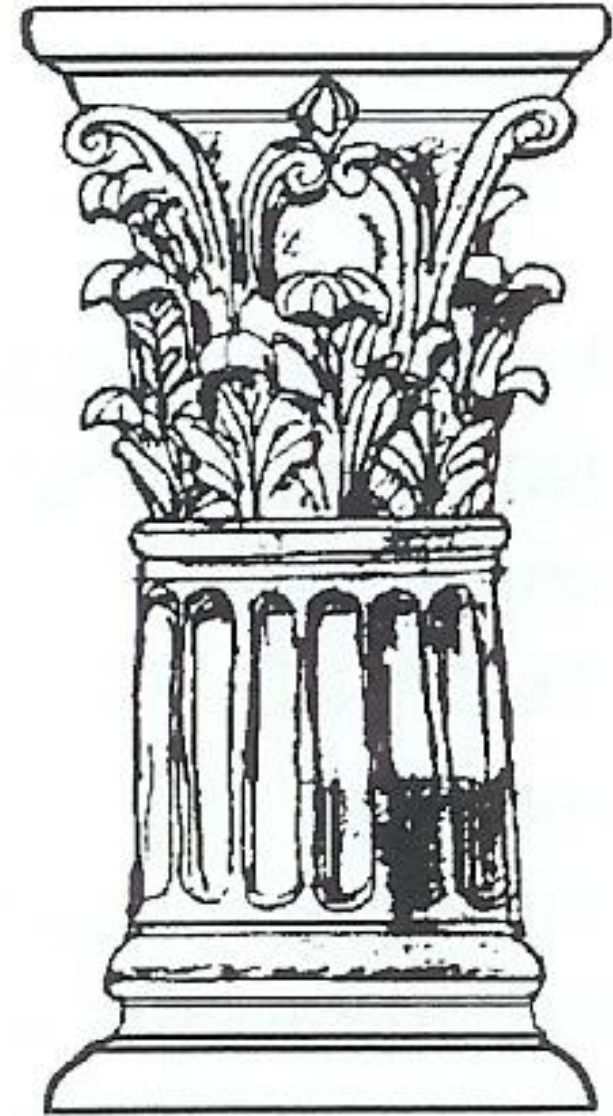
The Ionic columns were more delicate and decorative. The columns were taller and slimmer. They were also fluted, but had a flattened rib between each flute. The columns rested on a decorative base (plinth). The capital was carved into a fluted shape.



Ionic

# Corinthian Columns

The Corinthian columns were still more decorative and delicate. The columns were also fluted and had a flattened rib between each flute. The capital of this column has carved leaves and vines. It appeared approximately 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E.



**Corinthian**



Examples of these types of columns can be found in buildings today all throughout the world. The New York Stock Exchange in Manhattan has Corinthian columns.



What type of columns are used on the the Lincoln Memorial?



**Answer: Doric columns**



Which type of columns are used on the U.S. Supreme Court Building?



**Answer: Corinthian columns**

Which type of columns are used the Jefferson Memorial?



**Answer: Ionic columns**