

# KIDSVILLE AT THE PARTHENON



Activities for Children and Families in  
Nashville's Historic Museum

# WELCOME TO THE NASHVILLE PARTHENON

In the museum you will:

- **LEARN** about the history of places near and far away
- **EXPLORE** a Greek building and many works of art
- **CREATE** great memories with your family

This guide will help you explore the Nashville Parthenon, a museum of art and history. The museum is a copy of an ancient temple built over 2,400 years ago in Athens, Greece! We have paintings, statues, photographs, and artifacts waiting for you -- remember to look for artifacts from the **Percy Jackson** film before you leave.

We can't wait to hear about what you discovered during your day at the Nashville Parthenon! Share your visit on social media and please tag us: @nashvilleparthenon @kidsvilleonline @conservancynash

Happy exploring,

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**Katie Petrole**

Parthenon Director of Education



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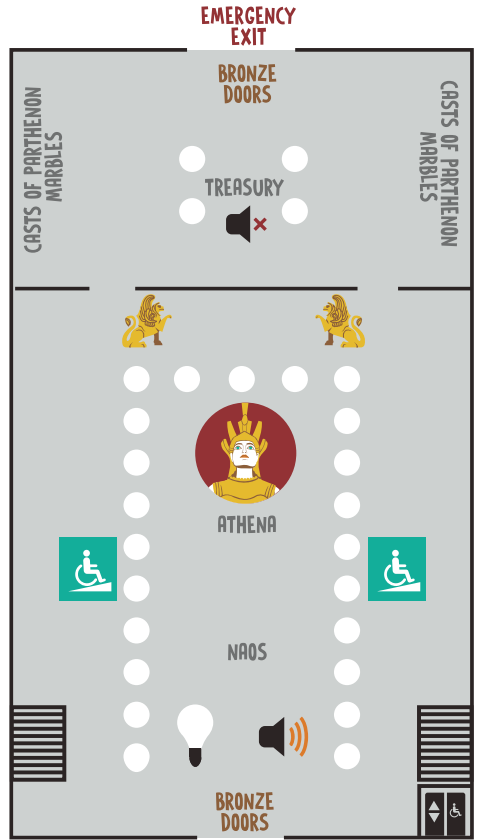
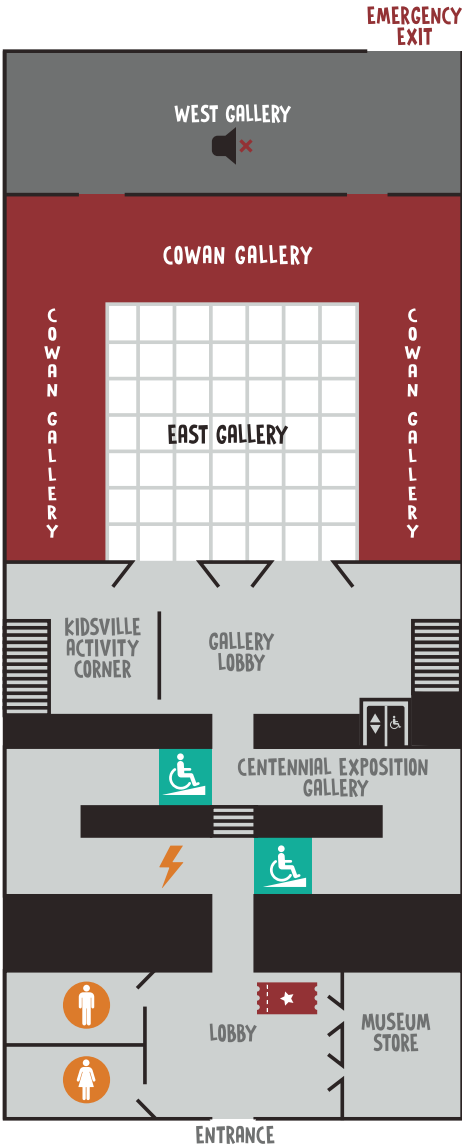
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## HISTORY OF THE NASHVILLE PARTHENON

For almost 200 years, Nashville has been known as "Athens of the South" because of the city's dedication to education and the arts. In 1897, Nashville designed the art building of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition as an exact copy of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece! This replica was only temporary. However, the people in Nashville loved it so much that the city rebuilt the Parthenon to be a permanent art building: a museum!

# MUSEUM MAP

Use this map to help you explore the Parthenon today.



**RESTROOMS**

**TICKET COUNTER**

**PERCY JACKSON PROPS**

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE RAMP**

**ELEVATORS**

**STAIRS**

**QUIET AREA**

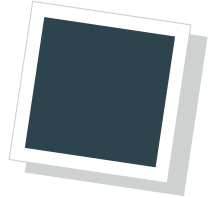
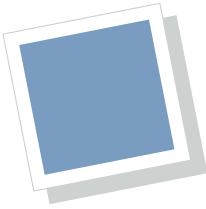
**BRIGHT LIGHTS**

**LOUD AREA**

**MAP KEY**

# COLOR SEARCH

Add a color hunt to your Parthenon adventure today.  
Find blue hues in art from light to dark.



What blue hues (and other colors) can you find in the architecture of the Parthenon?

## Kidsville Fun Fact:

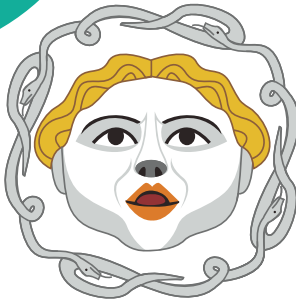
Like the colorful landscapes in the art galleries, ancient Greece was a vibrant place full of sights, sounds, and smells. Plus, bold colors on buildings, statues, and clothing!

## CAN YOU FIND ME?

When you explore upstairs, look for these three mythological creatures.



Centaur



Medusa



Griffin

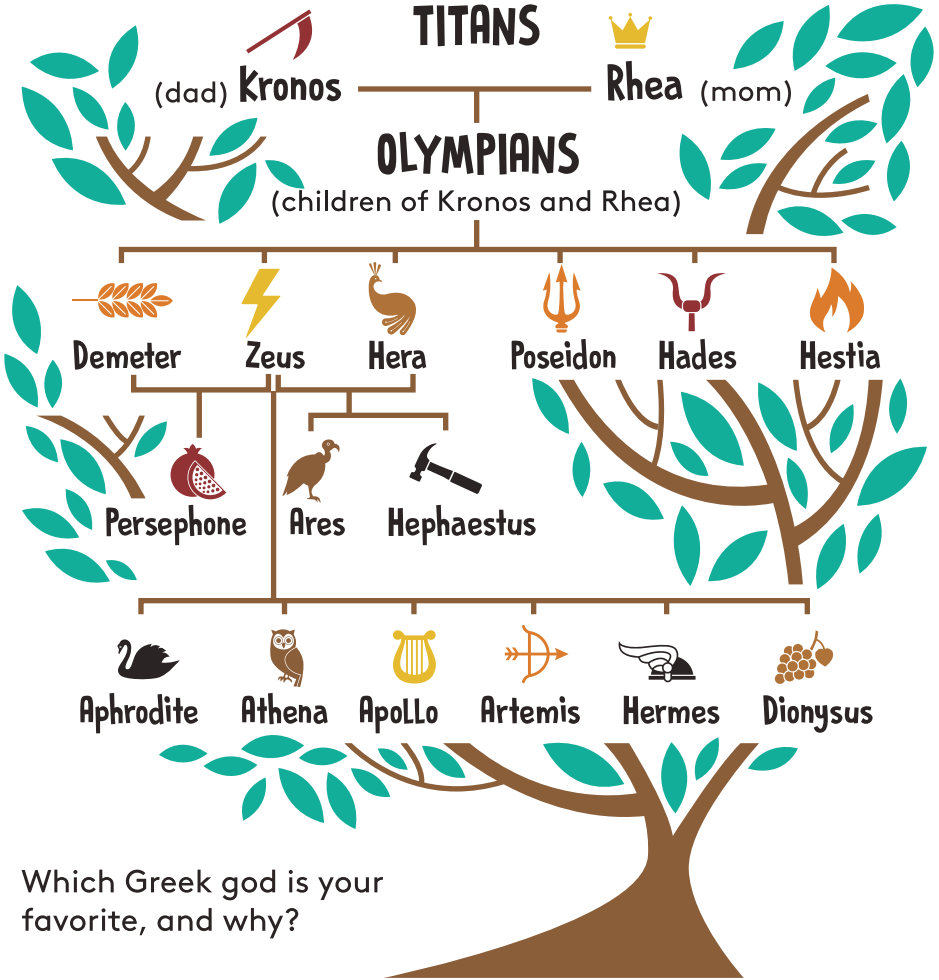
Where have you seen these mythological creatures in books and movies?

## Kidsville Fun Fact:

In Greek art, mythological creatures were characters that told stories of chaos, choices, and culture.

# GREEK GODS FAMILY TREE

How are the Greek gods related?  
Learn the names of the mythical family members.



Which Greek god is your favorite, and why?

How many can you find at the Nashville Parthenon?

## Kidsville Fun Fact:

The Titans were the first Greek gods.  
Zeus overthrew his father Kronos, King of the Titans.

# TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION WORD SEARCH

For the 1897 Tennessee Centennial Exposition...

Tennessee celebrated its **100th** birthday by creating **4** lakes, constructing **35** big buildings, and displaying **1,175** works of art at the Nashville Parthenon. Over **1.7 million** people came to visit the Tennessee Centennial Exposition in only **6** months. Admission price in **1897** was **25** cents for kids, **50** cents for adults, and each ride cost **10** cents.

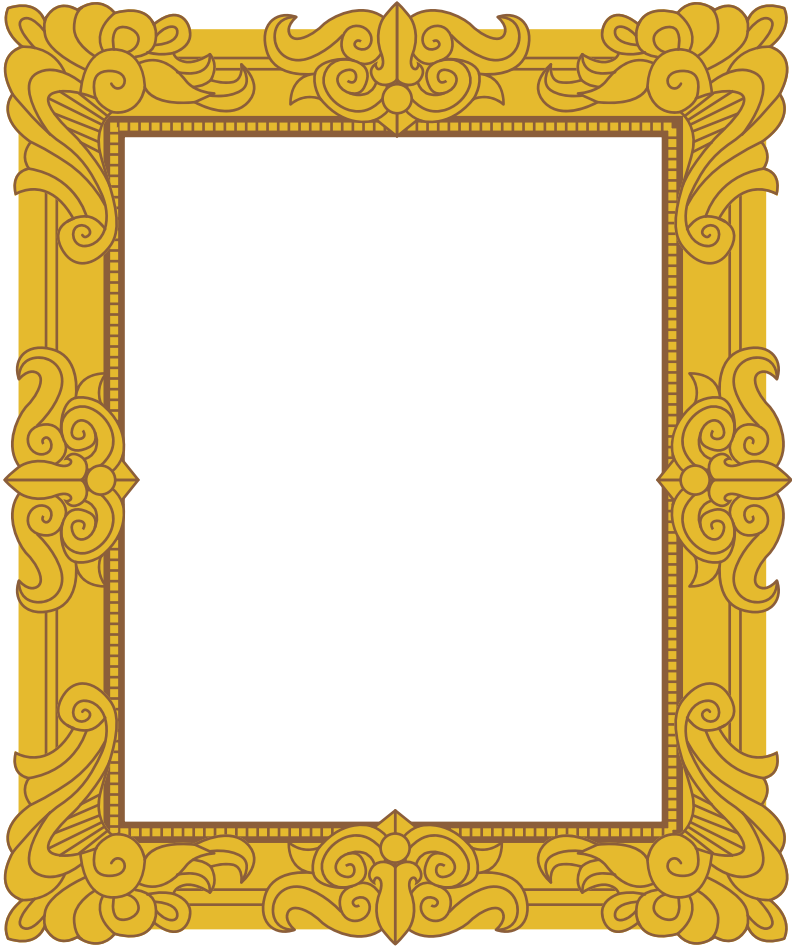
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## BE AN ARTIST AT HOME

During your visit, you explored the paintings in the Cowan Collection! When you are home, draw a picture just like the art you saw at the Nashville Parthenon.



If you could share your art with anyone in the world, who would it be?

**Kidsville Fun Fact:** In 1927, an art collection was given to the people of Nashville by a secret donor so that it could live at the Parthenon for years to come. Three years later, the donor's name was revealed: **James M. Cowan!**

The Kidsville Guide to the Parthenon was created by the Parthenon and Centennial Park Conservancy's Kidsville program.

## ABOUT THE NASHVILLE PARTHENON

The Nashville Parthenon, operated by Metro Parks, displays the distinguished Cowan Collection of American art and features temporary exhibitions. Since its original construction in 1897, the world's only full-scale replica of the iconic 5th c. BCE temple in Greece has become the beloved symbol of the City of Nashville.

## ABOUT CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY

The Parthenon and Centennial Park have been essential parts of Nashville for more than a century. As a nonprofit support organization working in partnership with Metro Parks, Centennial Park Conservancy is responsible for a variety of initiatives focused on maintaining the park's vibrancy, including art, music, and education programs.

## ABOUT KIDSVILLE

Kidsville, a program of Centennial Park Conservancy, utilizes the arts and play to help educate Nashville's youngest residents and enhance their development. The program connects children and families to enriching opportunities for growth through education, experience, and exploration.

## LEARN MORE

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## TAKE OUR SURVEY

Please consider taking a short survey at [kidsvilleonline.org/survey](http://kidsvilleonline.org/survey) for the chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. Survey data is critical to helping us receive grant funding to support the Parthenon's free educational programming.

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