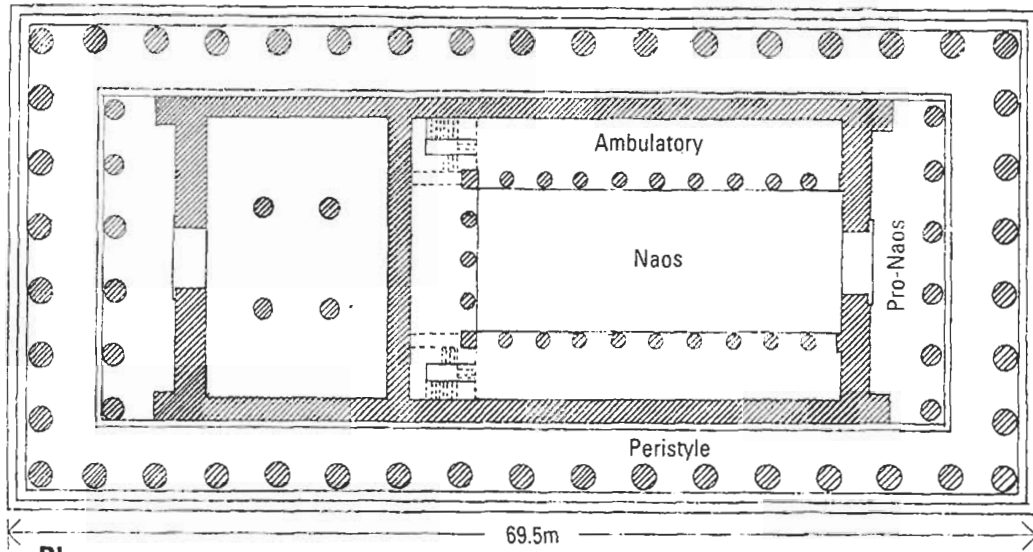
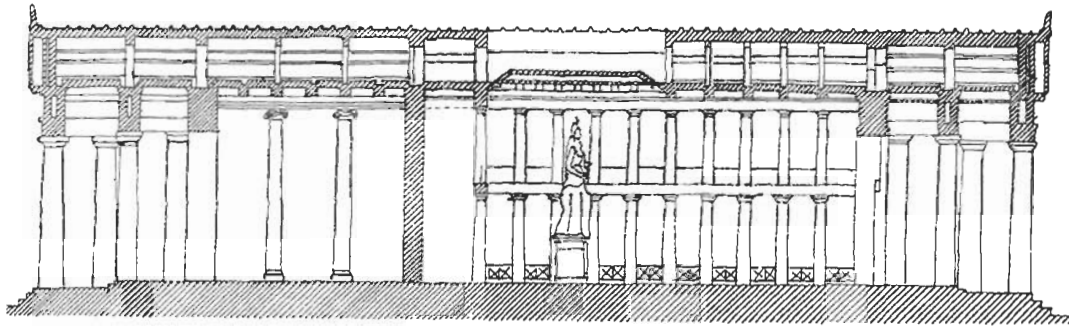


INFORMATION SHEET 29: The Parthenon, Athens, 447-438 BC



Plan



Section

The Parthenon, a classical Greek Temple, was built in Athens between 447-438 BC. The building was made entirely of marble. The outside (exterior) was decorated with brightly painted friezes and statues depicting scenes from Greek mythology. A peristyle surrounded the building.



Elevation

In the principle room there stood a 12 metre high statue of Athene, goddess of Athens, made of gold and ivory. In one hand Athene held a figure of Nike, goddess of victory. In the other she held a shield and a sword.

Behind this was a second room used as a treasury, where offerings of jewellery, vases and statues were stored.

The altar of a Greek temple, where birds and animals were sacrificed, was usually situated outdoors where the ordinary worshippers remained.