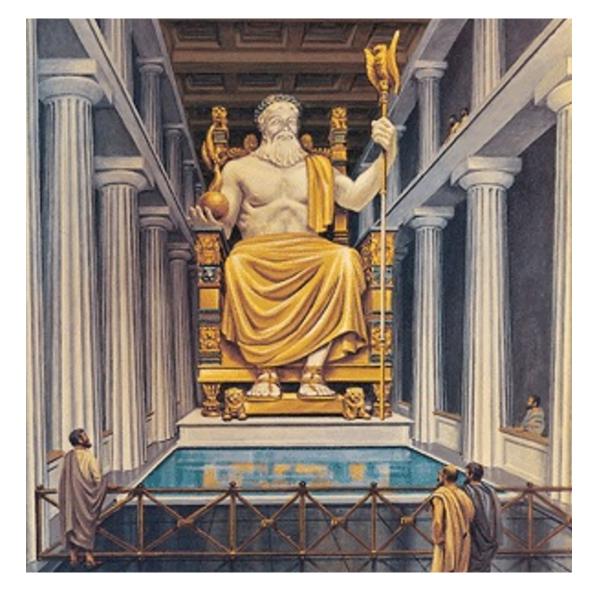
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Statue of Zeus

Ancient history is part of our world. From ancient history, we find the Seven Wonders of the World. There are different types of wonders and one of them is the Statue of Zeus.

Zeus is a Greek god among all gods. Zeus has a bolt in one hand. When he was a little boy, his father Kronos noticed that when he died, his son will be king. Zeus' father did not want that. He tried to eat his son so he wouldn't be better than him. Zeus is my favorite god to talk about.

In honor of Zeus as being the greatest god of Greek mythology, an architect named Phidias created the statue of Zeus in 466 B.C. Phidias was a Greek artist and architect. His statue of Zeus was one of the seven wonders of the world.

Phidias was born in 480 B.C and died at 430 B.C at Athens and inspired Greece. His parents inspired him to create the statue of Zeus The statue of Zeus was made out of gold, ivory, bronze, and ebony. The Statue of Zeus was lost and destroyed during the 5th century A.D. with no copy ever being found. Details of its form are known only from ancient Greek descriptions and representations on coins.

This statue of Zeus was at Olympia, Greece. They built the statue there because that's where Zeus lived when he was growing up. He lived at Mount Olympus with other gods such as Poseidon and Hades. They were all brothers. Hades was the god of the underworld and Poseidon was the god of the water.

Phidias made the statue to honor Zeus, the greatest Greek god and the father of the Olympics. The size of the Statue of Zeus was so large that if Zeus stood up he would have put his head through the roof of the temple.

<u>The Olympics</u> are games that started in Greece. There are <u>different types of sports</u> like running, discus, throwing a ball that weighs a lot, <u>and more</u>.

The statue was in a temple that was huge and had many details added to it. The temple had an arch at the top so the tip of the statue could fit in. Inside of the temple there were <u>pillars</u> that surrounded the statue in a rectangular shape. The pillars were made in a Greek style they came up with.

The temple was at Olympia where the Greek olympic games were held. That's one of the reasons why the statue was built there, because Zeus was the father of the Olympics. The Greeks showed that he was the greatest god because of all things they did to honor him.

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