

The Athenian Acropolis II



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Model

Royal Ontario Museum Toronto

Pausanias 1.24.5-7

- The statue itself is made of ivory and gold. In the middle of her helmet there is set an image of the Sphinx and on each side of the helmet there are griffins carved in relief... The statue of Athena is standing erect, with her dress reaching to her feet, and on her chest the head of Medusa is made of ivory. In one hand she holds a Nike about 4 cubits (c. 6 ft) tall; in the other she holds a spear; and at her feet rests a shield and next to the spear there is a snake – this snake would be Erichthonios. On the base of the statue the birth of Pandora is carved in relief.

Pliny, *Natural History* 36.18-19

- Shield outside = Greeks vs. Amazons
- Shield inside = Gods vs. Giants
- Sides of sandals = Lapiths vs. Centaurs



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The Varvakeion Athena 2nd century AD



Boston Athena

2nd – 3rd century AD

MFA 1980.196

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The Strangford Shield

Roman marble copy

3rd century AD (?)

British Museum 1864,0220.18



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Replica Parthenon

Nashville, TN



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The Propylaea

437 – 432 BC



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Temple of Athena Nike, 435-420 BC



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Erechtheion

421 – 405 BC



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Caryatids from the south porch of the Erechtheion viewed from the southeast

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