Athens is one of the oldest cities in the world, with recorded history going back over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

During the time of the Ancient Greeks Athens was the center of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the world.

Athens is named after the Greek goddess \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Her shrine, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sits on top of a hill in the center of the city.

**The Agora**

The agora was the center of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for ancient Athens.

 It had a large open area for meetings which was surrounded by buildings. Many of the buildings were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ including temples built to many of the gods.

Some of the buildings were government buildings like the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where coins were made, and the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where the 10 military leaders of Athens met.

The agora was also a place for people to meet and discuss ideas on philosophy and government.

 **The Acropolis**

The Acropolis was built on a hill in the middle of the city of Athens.

Surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it was originally built as a citadel and fortress where the people could retreat when the city was attacked.

 Later, many other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were built here to overlook the city.

At the center of the Acropolis is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This building was dedicated to the goddess \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and was also used to store \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the slope of the acropolis were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where plays and festivals were celebrated.

The largest was the Theatre of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, god of wine and patron of the theatre. Up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people could attend and the design was so good that all could see and hear the play.
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