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2. About how long did the Parthenon take to build? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Which of the following is most similar to a column?

- a. roof
- b. window
- c. pole
- d. door

4. What is true about the Parthenon?

- a. It was built for the Persians.
- b. Its roof was flat.
- c. It had 46 inside columns.
- d. It had two different roofs.

5. Why do you think some people put a small Parthenon in their fish tanks?

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