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ARCH150 Appreciation of Architecture I

Assignments #2

Temple of Athena Nike

Location: Acropolis in Athens

Civilization: Ancient Greek

Built around 420 BCE



Figure 01: Front View, Temple of Athena Nike

Temple of Portunus

Location: Rome, Italy

Civilization: Roman Republic

Built around 80 BCE



Figure 02: Front View, Temple of Portunus



Figure 03: Ionic Capital, Temple of Athena Nike



Figure 04: Ionic Capital, Temple of Portunus

Process of diffusion: transfer of ideas by copying good ideas

Temple of Athena Nike is one of the buildings used ionic orders in ancient Greek architecture. The major features of the ionic order are the volutes of its capital. We can see that Temple of Portunus also has the ionic order, which shows one of examples of the influence of Greek architecture on Roman architecture. Once the Romans expanded and took over the territory around Greece, they tended to admire Greek architecture. The Greeks were known intellectually as superior to other cultures in the Mediterranean basin, so the Roman architects absorbed Greek styles of building to reflect their own superiority.

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