Design A Greek Vase

Description:

You will learn about Greek Art, and design your own vase using a template.

Grade Level: 3rd – 6th
Time: 15+ minutes

Materials:

- Printed Vase Template (attached)
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil
- Scissors

Ceramics is one of the most ancient industries going back thousands of years. One of the oldest ceramic items dates back about 30,000 years ago. Pottery and ceramics made its way to Greek culture around 1,000-400 BCE. Pottery was important in Greece, and it was a way for artist to sell their artwork and make a living. The vases were made on a pottery wheel and from clay. Every vase had a unique shape that the artist creating would decide. Then the handles would be added to dry with the vase. After it was dry, the vase would be decorated with black and different colored paints. Small details would be painted using a brush made out of feathers. Many layers of paint would be added and placed to dry. Then, the vase would then be put into a fire where it would harden. This allows the vase to survive for a long time and the paint to stay on throughout the years. There were different vases for specific uses. On the next page you will see step-by-step how to design your own Greek vase.

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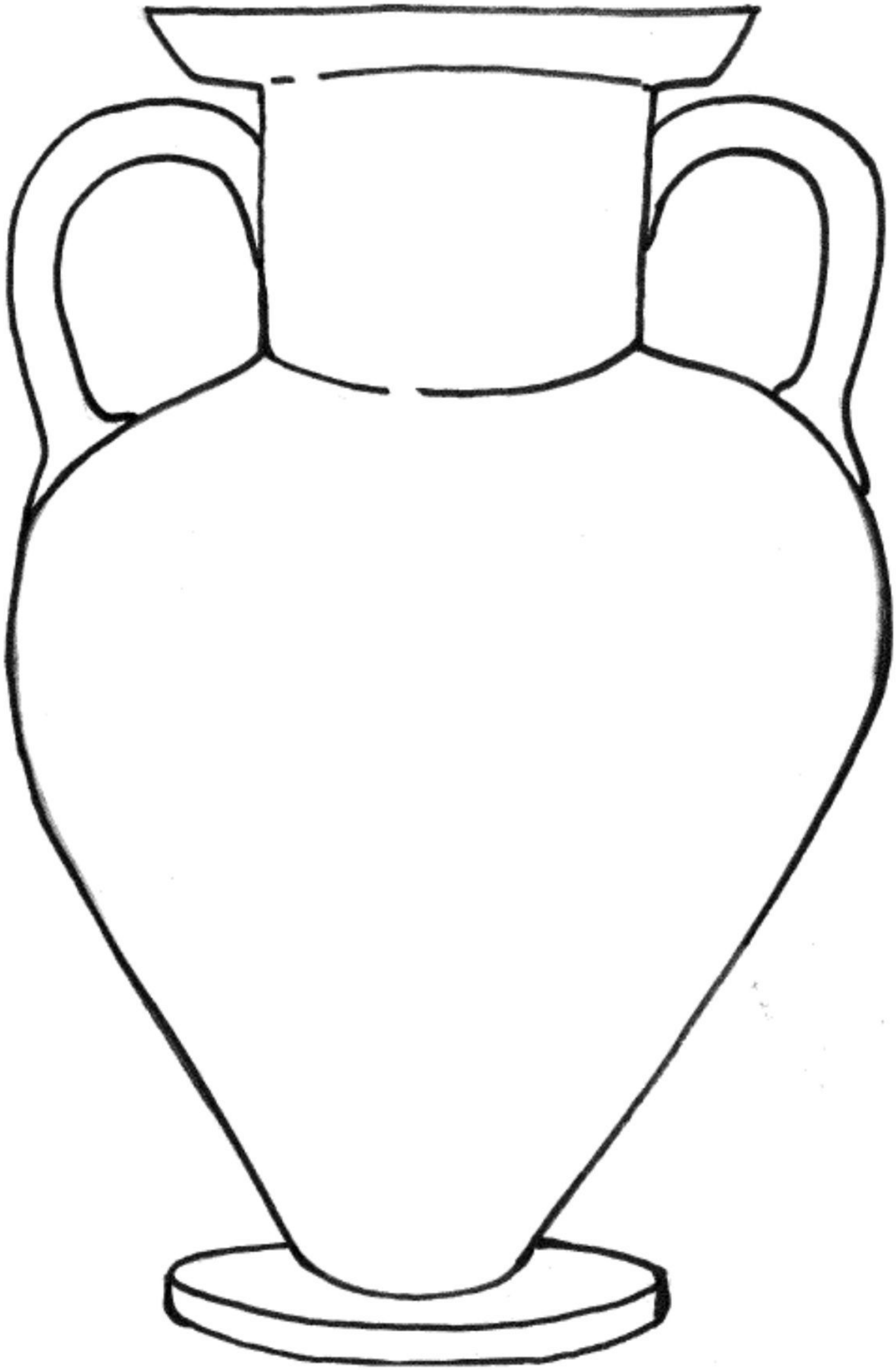
Use the Greek vase template to create your own vase! You can draw our your design with a pencil and then use colored pencils to add details and to give your vase some color! Cut out your finished vase to hang up. Be as creative as you'd like and once you are finished use the hashtag #IMASArtist to share your work. You can use the images of the Greek vases below as inspiration or you can copy the artwork on them!