

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

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Country: **Greece**

School: **Capital Day School** City: **Frankfort**

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Title: **An act to regain stolen Greek artifacts from the British Museum**

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Justification Clause:

Section I: 200 years ago, Greek artifacts were stolen by other countries, primarily Britain. The most significant of these artifacts are the Elgin Marbles from the Acropolis. The Elgin Marbles are relief sculptures from the pediment of the Parthenon, as well as other sculptures from buildings on the Acropolis. These artifacts have not been returned to Greece. Today they are on display in the British Museum in London. Museums in Sweden, Germany, and United States have acknowledged the return of similar artifacts. The artifacts belong to the Greek people and because of this incident, Greece has lost two centuries of cultural heritage.

Section II: The Elgin Marbles do not have a cultural importance to Britain or any other country. The artifacts that Britain took are representative of Greece's ancient culture, this is not a solely a legal issue, but an ethical and cultural one.

Section III: In the 19th century, Britain used sand paper and chisels to "clean" the Elgin Marbles. This caused major irreparable damages. If they were to be returned to Greece, they would be taken care of properly by Greek archaeologists and displayed in the Acropolis Museum, where they belong.

Section IV: This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.