



**Dear Helen,**

My name is Marianna Kombou and I am a student in Paralimni Gymnasium. Since 2013, I have been participating in a Comenius project with the title "Roots and Wings". Part of my work is to research about your city, Athens. During my research, I realized that there are so many things to do and see in Athens.

To begin with, I've learned that Athens is the capital and biggest city in Greece. It is the 7th most populated city in the Europe, with population 2.732.875 residents. Athens is built around several hills. Lycabettos is one of the highest hills of the main city and overlooks the entire basin. It is a city with a Mediterranean climate characterized mainly with dry summers and mild, wet winters.

It is a travel destination since ancient times because of its sights, and among these is the Parthenon. It is the largest and most formal structure of the Acropolis. Every year thousands of tourists come to visit it.

Another unique attraction and one of the most important buildings of Athens is the Panathenaic Stadium. In ancient times it was used to commit by a part of the Panathenaics in honor of the goddess Athena. I read that the capacity of the stadium is 50,000 seats.

I learned about the Acropolis Museum which is an archaeological museum focused on the findings of the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens.

Athens has lots of parks but the most famous are the National Garden and the Garden of Zappeion.

There are so many things to write about Athens and that makes me wonder. Is all that true? All that I found out are very interesting and I'd love to visit your city!

Best regards

Marianna Kombou