

Year 4 – Autumn Term: Ancient Civilisations

Skills and Knowledge:

In this topic, I will:

- make predictions about objects that might have been invented before, during and after early civilisations.
- use different sources of information to confirm if my predictions were correct or not.
- distinguish whether a given sentence is fact, myth or unknown, using historical sources to support my decisions.
- know where in the world the earliest civilisations took place.
- describe and compare some of the first writing systems.
- explain how some writing systems developed through time.
- translate sentences from the Phoenician alphabet.
- explain where and when money was first used.
- explain some early number systems and why they were developed.
- describe some of the technological advances of early civilisations.
- explain the difference between AD years and BC years.
- place the earliest civilisations on a timeline.

Historical Enquiry

Historical Understanding

Chronological Understanding

Sequence of lessons:

In this topic, I will:

- explore where and when the first civilisations began.
- find out about the first writing systems.
- explore trade in early civilisations.
- find out about mathematical understanding in early civilisations.
- explore the technology and inventions of early civilisations.
- explore the buildings and architecture of early civilisations.
- consolidate knowledge and understanding of early civilisations.

National Curriculum Link:

Children will learn about the achievements of the earliest civilizations – an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared.

To find out more visit [https://kids.kiddle.co/Ancient history](https://kids.kiddle.co/Ancient%20history)

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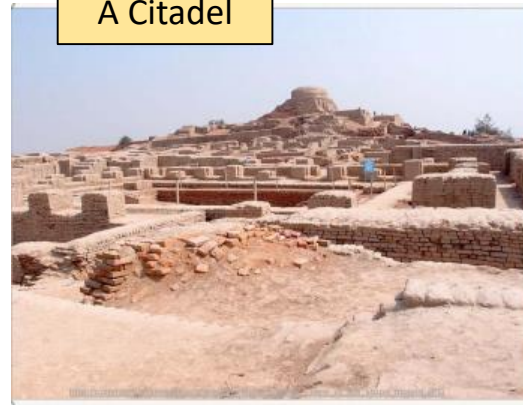


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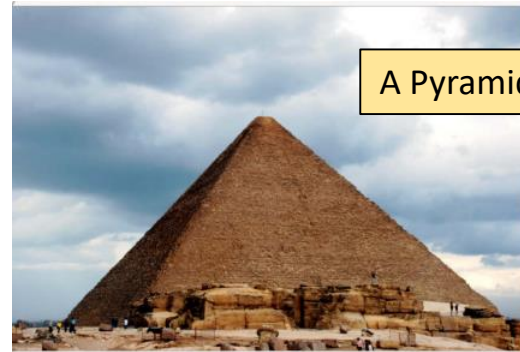
KEY VOCABULARY

ancient	Something belonging to the distant past – usually referred to as history prior to the end of the Roman Empire.
civilisation	A group of people with their own language and way of life
BC	It means 'Before Christ'. It indicates the number of years before the birth of Jesus something took place.
AD	It means "Anno Domini". This is Latin for 'The Year of our Lord'. It starts at 0 and each it shows how many years after the birth of Jesus something happened.
The Sumer	A number of ancient cities in what is, today, mainly modern Iraq. 5300BC to 1940BC
The Ancient Egyptians	This was a civilisation located in modern day Egypt which was ruled over by a pharaoh or a king.
The Shang Dynasty	Is the earliest ruling dynasty in China between approximately 1600BC and 1100BC.
The Indus Valley	Home to one of the world's first large civilisations. It is located in modern day Pakistan and North India and began nearly 5,000 years ago.
The Phoenicians	They were a civilisation who lived on the coasts of the eastern Mediterranean Sea.
The pyramids	They were stone tombs of the Egyptian kings and pharaohs.
The citadel	A large fortress (or castle) used to protect cities or towns from disasters or attacks.
Ziggurat	An ancient place of worship in The Sumer civilisation.

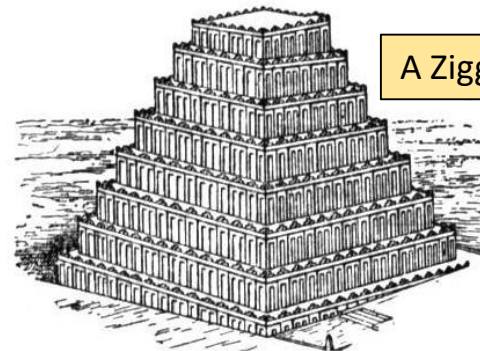
A Citadel



A Pyramid



A Ziggurat



Key Questions:

- 1 Which was the first civilisation in the world?
- 2 Approximately, in what year did the ancient Sumerian civilisation begin?
- 3 Which early civilisation was located in modern-day China?
- 4 Which ancient civilisation used Papyrus to write on?
- 5 Which number did the ancient Sumerians use as their base number?
- 6 Which ancient civilisation used stamps to keep track of their traded goods?
- 7 What was the wheel first used for?
- 8 Which ancient civilisations built the Great Pyramid?
- 9 What were the pyramids in Egypt used for?
- 10 What is AD & BC and what is the difference?

The invention of the wheel



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