# Ancient Mediterranean 

3,500 B.C.E-300 C.E.

Ancient Near East

## 12. White Temple and its ziggurat




Reconstruction of the ziggurat at Ur.

Theme: Religious Centers

## 12. White Temple and its ziggurat



White Temple and its ziggurat (reconstruction drawing)


## 14. Statues of votive figures



From the Square Temple at Eshnunna (modern Tell Asmar)
Sumerian
c. 2700 B.C.E

Gypsum inlaid with shell and black limestone 11in to 30in high


Theme: Shrine Figures

## 16. Standard of Ur



Peace
From the Royal Tombs at Ur (modern Tell el-Muqayyar) Sumerian
c. 2600-2400 B.C.E

Wood inlaid with shell, lapis lazuli, and red limestone

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8.5 \times 20 \times 5 \mathrm{in}
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## 16. Standard of Ur



War



# Warka (Iraq) Relics Summerian 



Warka Vase
3200-3000 B.C.E Alabaster


Lady of Uruk 3100 B.C.E. Marble

## 19. The Code of Hammurabi



Babylon (modern Iran) Susian
c. 1792-1750 B.C.E Basalt
7 feet 5 inches high


Theme: Human and Divine


## 25. Lamassu



From the citadel of Sargon II Dur Sharrukin (Modern Khorsabad)

Neo-Assyrian
c. 720-705 B.C.E

Alabaster
13 feet tall


Theme: Hybrid figures Guardians




## 30. Audience Hall (apadana) Of Darius and Xerxes



Persepolis,Iran
Persian
c. 520-465 B.C.E

Limestone 69 feet tall

## 30.Audience Hall (apadana) Of Darius and Xerxes



Apadana stairway


Theme: Ceremonial Spaces



## 29. Sarcophagus of the Spouses



Etruscan
c. 520 B.C.E

Terra cotta
6 feet long x 4 feet high


Theme: Funerary Marker

31. Temple of Minerva and sculpture


Veii Near Rome, Italy c.510-500 B.C.E Etruscan Master sculptor Vulca Original temple of wood, mud brick, or tufa (volcanic rock)



Theme: Ceremonial Spaces

## 31. Sculpture of Apollo at Temple of Minerva



Master Sculptor Vulca
c. 510-500 B.C.E

Terra cotta sculpture
$5^{\prime} 11$ " tall


Theme: Figure in Movement

## 32. Tomb of the Triclinium



Tarquinia, Italy Etruscan
c. $480-470$ B.C.E Tufa and fresco

Ancient Egypt

## 13. Palette of King Narmer



Front


Predynastic Egypt
c. 3000-2920 B.C.E

Greywacke
25 inches high


Back


Front

Theme: Symbols in Art

## 15. Seated scribe




Theme: Human figure in Art

## 17. Great Pyramids (Menkaura, Khafre, Khufu) and Great Sphinx



## 17. Great Pyramids




Theme: Commemoration of Ruler




## 18. King Menkaura and Queen Khameremebty



Old Kingdom Fourth Dynasty
c. 2490-2472 B.C.E

Greywacke
4' 6" high


Theme: Depiction of Royalty

## 20. Temple of Amun-Re and Hypostyle

 Hall

Karnak, near Luxor, Egypt New Kingdom $18^{\text {th }}$ and $19^{\text {th }}$ Dynasties

Temple: c. 1550 B.C.E Hall: c. 1250 B.C.E


Cut sandstone and mud brick

## 20. Temple of Amun-Re Floor plan



## Dimensions

- Just the Temple of Amun-Re = 61 Acres
- Whole complex $=248$ Acres
- Hypostyle Hall = $337 \mathrm{ft} \times 170 \mathrm{ft}$



## 21. Mortuary temple of Hatshepsut



Sandstone, partially carved into a rock cliff, and red granite


985 feet long
97 feet tall
120 foot wide causeway
Theme: Commemoration of Ruler



Avenue of Sphinxes leading to Karnak

## 21. Hatshepsut statue in offering to

## Gods

Theme: Guardian Figures


Kneeling statue of Hatshepsut $6^{\prime} 5^{\prime \prime}$ tall

## 22. Akhenaton, Nefertiti and three

 daughters

New Kingdom (Amarna), $18^{\text {th }}$ Dynasty
c. 1353-1335 B.C.E

Limestone
12.5" high


Theme: Genre Scenes

## 23. Tutankhamun's tomb, innermost coffin



New Kingdom 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Dynasty

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\text { c. } 1323 \text { B.C.E }
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Gold with inlay of enamel and semiprecious stones 6' 7" high


Theme: Commemoration of the Dead



## 24. Last judgment of Hu-Nefer



From his tomb (page from the Book of the Dead)
New Kingdom, 19th Dynasty
c. 1275 B.C.E

Painted papyrus scroll 1' 6" high

## The Judgment of the dead in the Hall of Maat

c. $1370 \mathrm{~B} . \mathrm{C}$.



Theme: Narrative in Art
Scrolls

Ancient Greece





## Golden Ratio in the Human Face



- The dividence of every long line to the short line equals the golden ratio.
- Length of the face / Wideness of the face Length between the lips and eyebrows / Lengthof the nose, Length of the face / Lengthbetween the jaw and eyebrows Length of the mouth / Wideness of the nose,
Wideness of the nose / Distance between the holes of the nose, Length between the pupils / Length between the eyebrows.
All contain the golden ratio.

Proportion is usually not even noticed until something is out of proportion. When the relative size of two elements being compared seems wrong or out of balance it is said to be "out of proportion". For example if a person has a head larger than their entire body, then we would say that they were out of proportion.


## 26. Athenian agora



Archaic through Hellenistic Greek
600-150 B.C.E Plan
30 acres


ACROPOLIS

## Parthenon <br> 

## ATHENS

## 5th Century BCE




Theme: Planned Cities

## 27. Anavysos Kouros



Theme: Idealized Form

## Archaic Greek <br> c. 530 B.C.E

Marble with remnants of paint 6' 4" high

## 28. Peplos Kore from the Acropolis



Theme: Human Figures in Art

## Archaic Greek

c. 530 B.C.E

Marble, painted details $3^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$

## 33. Niobides Krater



Both


Anonymous vase painter of Classical Greece known as the Niobid Painter c. $460-450$ B.C.E Clay Red-figured technique (white highlights) 21" high

This is the unexplained one! We can identify some of the characters.
In the centre is Herakles, recognized by his lion skin and club. He is looking to his right; his body is frontal and his head profile. To his right is a soldier, wearing a fully closed helmet, carrying a spear and a shield. To his right is Athena, identifiable by her aegis (goatskin with a gorgon clasp). To her right there are three people: on a higher level, half hidden by a rock is a warrior with a crested helmet: it is a back view, but his view is towards the centre of the scene. Below him there is another warrior with a crested helmet, shield and spear. He is naked except for a light cloak which is fastened at the neck. On the extreme right is a naked man with a Spartan helmet halfcocked, his sword is in its sheath.

Below Herakles just to the right is a naked youth, his face is in $3 / 4$ view and he is grabbing his leg in a rocking motion. Below him there is another naked youth reclining: he holds two spears: there is a shield and helmet beside his feet. On the same level as Herakles, to his left is another naked warrior who is in a fully frontal position, with his head looking in towards the centre. To his left is a bearded man wearing a petasos (wide brimmed hat). He is dressed in a transparent tunic. (NB the use of landscape is in the style typical of wall paintings of the period). On his extreme left is a dismounted horseman. The horse faces inwards with a $3 / 4$ pose. The hero wears a Spartan helmet and is carrying 2 spears and a sword.

## Possible Interpretations:

1) Giraud: They are the Argonauts at Lemnos: They'd settled there before Herakles stirred them up to find the golden fleece.
2) Gardner: Expiation service by the Argonauts after the killing of King Kyzilos.
3) Hauser: Success of the Greeks at the Battle of Marathon.
4) Six: A scene from the Underworld of Herakles rescuing Theseus from Hades.



## Side B:

Much easier! Artemis and Apollo are in the central high ground. Apollo is naked except for a cloak on one arm. He is about to shoot an arrow. Artemis is getting an arrow from her quiver. In front of Apollo is a tree!! Although pathetic, it is the first time that we have seen an attempt to portray landscape, and to attempt to show relative sizes of articles, indicating depth. Below Artemis is a girl with a frontal, but dead face. To her right is a boy, having been killed by an arrow. Another arrow has already passed him and lies in front of him. Then to his right there is a naked boy running away to avoid being killed: it is too late, he has already been hit by an arrow. Behind Artemis there is a boy covering himself with a cloak to avoid being killed: he is also too late, the arrow is already there and he is about to fall.

*To further clarify the name of the painter, it is worthwhile telling the story of Niobe, from which he got his name, and which is also the story on the B side of the vase. Niobe was the daughter of Tantalus, a king in Asia Minor; and the wife of Amphion, King of Thebes, by whom she had 12 children ( 6 of each). She boasted that this made her better than Leto, who had had only two children, the deities Artemis and Apollo (their father of course was Zeus). Leto was somewhat outraged by this and sent her two children to kill all the children of Niobe (the word NIOBID means "child of Niobe). This they did, and it is this which is portrayed on the vase. After this, Niobe wept for nine days and nights, then the gods buried the bodies of her children, and turned her into a large rock on Mount Sipylus. Now let's look at the detail of the vase. Oh, you ought to remind yourselves of what the Greeks used calyx kraters for. They were used for


## 34. Doryphoros (Spear Bearer)



Classical

Polykleitos

Original 450-440 BCE
Marble copy 120-50 BCE
Roman copy (marble) of Greek original (bronze)
6' 6" high

## POLYKEITOS

Doryphoros (Spear Thrower),

- Originally titled Canon
-Established Polykleitos’ canon
of proportions, setting ideal correlations among body parts
- Contrapposto
-Notice the harmony of opposites

Figure 5-40 POLYKLEITOS, Dorpphoros (Spear Bearer). Roman marble copy from Pompeii, Italy, after a bronze original of ca, $450-440 \mathrm{BCE}, 6^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$ high. Museo Archeologico Nazionale, Naples.



## Contrapposto (weight shift)

Weight-bearing leg straightens; other leg bends

Shoulder axis shifts

Spine curves

Web Bonus: Tips for creating a realistic pose
Breathe life into your carving by adding subtle movement. While this model doesn't appear to show action, try to visualize how different it would look if the arms and legs were both straight. By bending the right knee, the figure's



## 35. Acropolis



Athens, Greece Iktinos and Kallikrates
c.447-410 B.C.E Marble

Parthenon 45 feet high $228 \mathrm{ft} \times 101 \mathrm{ft}$
Theme: Classical Influence on Later Buildings


## Acropolis Plan

7.5 acres

Theme: Religious Sites


Temple of Athena Nike 18 ft high
$27 \mathrm{ft} \times 18.5 \mathrm{ft}$
Theme: Religious Spaces



Victory adjusting her sandal 42 inches high
Theme: Figure in Motion


Helios, horses, and Dionysus (Heracles?)
Reclining Dionysus $=4.25 \mathrm{ft}$ high
Theme: Figures in Motion



Plaque of the Ergastines
3.1ft x 6.8ft


## 36. Grave stele of Hegeso



Attributed to Kallimachos
c. 410 B.C.E (Classical)

Marble and paint $5^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$


Theme: Genre Scene
Funerary Marker


## 37. Winged Victory of Samothrace



Hellenistic Greek
c. 190 B.C.E

Marble
9 feet high


Theme: Importance of Location

## Great Example of Modern Wet Drapery

The "White Lady" at Zentralfriedhof, Vienna Photo by: Marcus Propostus


## Laocoon and His Sons



Hellenistic

> c. first century C.E.
> Marble
> $6^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime} 4^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$



The painting depicts the Greek and Roman mythological story of the deaths of Laocoön, a Trojan priest of Poseidon, and his two sons Antiphantes and Thymbraeus. Laocoön and his sons were strangled by sea serpents, a punishment sent by the gods after Laocoön attempted to warn his countrymen about the Trojan horse.


Wim Botha. Prism 10 (Dead Laocoön) 2014. Bronze.

## 38. Great Altar of Zeus and Athena at

 Pergamon

## Site Plan



Theme: Religious Spaces

## 38. Frieze of Athena at the Great Altar of Zeus and Athena



Whole Frieze = 7.5ft High 400 ft long


Theme: Relief


## 41. Seated Boxer



Hellenistic Greek
c. 100 B.C.E

Bronze
$50 "$ high


Great Khan Academy Video


Theme: Individual vs. Society

Ancient Rome

## Capitoline Wolf



Wolf - c. $5^{\text {th }}$ Century B.C.E
Babies - c. $15^{\text {th }}$ Century C.E Bronze

## 39. House of the Vetti



Pompeii, Italy
Imperial Roman
c. Second century B.C.E
Rebuilt c. $62-79$ C.E.
Cut stone and fresco
Roughly $35 \mathrm{~m} \times 50 \mathrm{~m}$



Theme: Houses with Gardens

## 39. House of the Vetti



Theme: Trompe-l’oeil

## 40. Alexander Mosaic from the House

 of Faun, Pompeii


Theme: Battle Scene


## 42. Head of Roman patrician



Republican Roman
c. 75-50 B.C.E

Marble
Theme: Portrait
$14^{\prime \prime}$ high

## 43. Augustus of Prima Porta




Theme: Power and Authority


Now, let's turn to the breast plate worn by Augustus. Note that it is covered with the figures in relief:
At the top, right, the chariot representing the rising sun
At the top, left, the figure with the torch represents the setting sun
At the top, center, note the older male figure -- he's a personification of the sky and is literally holding up the sky
At the bottom, the figure holding a cornucopia that may be a personification of the earth Taken together, these imply a cosmic setting. In other words, the pagan symbols show that the emperor's influence is universal.

The Standard of the Roman Legion had been captured by the Parthians. In the center of the breast plate, the Standard is being returned to the Romans. This was a military symbol. Tiberius (Augustus' successor) received the standard.


## 44. Colosseum (Flavian Amphitheater)




The length is 615 ft width is 510 ft


The overall area is around 6 acres


7. Colosseum. Section and elevation. Begun under Vespasian, finished under Titus 8o A. C.


A Fig. 133. Colosseum. Reconstruction of seating zones

## 45. Forum of Trajan



Rome, Italy
Complex =
1000ft x 600ft
Apollodorus of Damascus
Forum and markets 106-112 C.E.
Column completed 113 C. E.
Brick and concrete (architecture); Marble (column)

## Basilica Ulpia







Column of Trajan 128 ft high
625 foot long narrative Theme: Narrative in Art


## 46. Pantheon



Imperial Roman
118-125 C.E.
Concrete with stone facing 142ft high


Cupola walls $=20 \mathrm{ft}$ thick Oculus $=27 \mathrm{ft}$ across

Theme: House of Worship




## 47. Ludovisi Battle Sarcophagus



Late Imperial Roman
c. 250 C.E.

Marble
5 ft long x 3ft high



Theme: Relief


## Arch of Constantine



Late Imperial Roman
c. 315 C.E.

Marble
69 ft high


Diagram of the Arch of Constantine. The colours indicate the dating of the decorative elements.
"Spolia" (singular = spolium) is an archeological technical term for reused stuff. Constantine's arch is loaded with it.

The decoration of the arch is composed almost entirely of "spolia", pieces taken from monuments of earlier emperors. In the top tier reliefs that were taken from a supposed earlier arch of Marcus Aurelius, new heads with the visage of Constantine were used to replace the original heads of Marcus Aurelius.

Arch of Constantine - Use of Spolia both sides are the same




