

Artifact Homework Assignment

Due Date: Monday, December 12th



Artifacts (objects made by a human being) tell stories about history to help you understand the past. Archaeologists have been able to learn a lot about the Ancient Mesopotamians from the numerous ancient artifacts found in present day Iran and Iraq.

Using the Mesopotamian books in class or the Internet at home, your job is to choose an artifact to make at home for homework. Make a quick sketch in class to take home with you as a reference.

You also need to include a note card answering the following questions in complete sentences so you are prepared to share with the class. Be sure to use nice, neat handwriting because your note card will be on display along with your artifact at the Continent Party.

1. Why was the artifact made?
 2. What was the purpose of the artifact?
 3. Who would benefit from the artifact?
 4. When and where was the artifact made?
 5. Who was the maker or designer of the artifact?
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Artifact Ideas



- Cylinder Seal (out of a toilet paper roll)
- Lyre (musical instrument)
- Clay model of a god or goddess
- Jewelry
- Mace Head Weapon
- Clay Statue
- Clay Tablet
- Pottery
- Stamp Seal (out of a rock and paint)
- Garment Pin
- Mesopotamian Board Game (paper and pens)
- Royal Tombs poster (paper and black/brown marker)
- Headdress
- The Rosetta Stone

Grading Rubric



CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Knowledge Gained	Student can accurately answer all 5 questions related to facts about the artifact and processes used to create the artifact.	Student can accurately answer 4 questions related to facts about the artifact and processes used to create the artifact.	Student can accurately answer 3 questions related to facts about the artifact and processes used to create the artifact.	Student can accurately answer 1-2 questions related to facts about the artifact and processes used to create the artifact.
Attractiveness	The artifact is exceptionally attractive in terms of design, layout, and neatness.	The artifact is attractive in terms of design, layout and neatness.	The artifact is acceptably attractive though it may be a bit messy.	The artifact is distractingly messy or very poorly designed. It is not attractive.
Content - Accuracy	The artifact is exceptional and accurately shows Mesopotamian culture.	The artifact is good and accurately shows Mesopotamian culture.	The artifact is acceptable and accurately shows Mesopotamian culture.	The artifact does not accurately show Mesopotamian culture.
Presentation	The student spoke clearly and shared his or her artifact and note card with the class.	The student spoke somewhat clearly and shared his or her artifact and note card with the class.	The student shared his or her artifact and note card with the class but was inaudible.	The student shared the artifact but did not share the note card.

Total Score: _____

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