

THE 7 WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

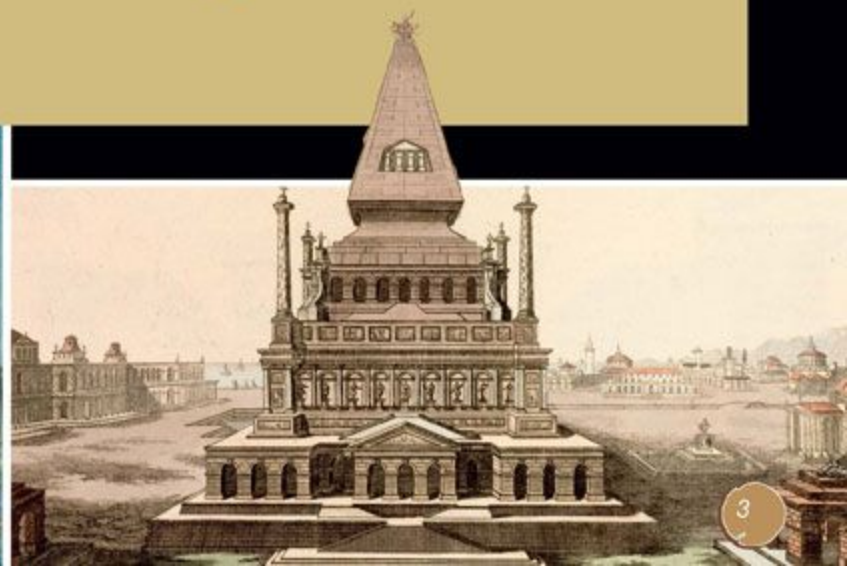
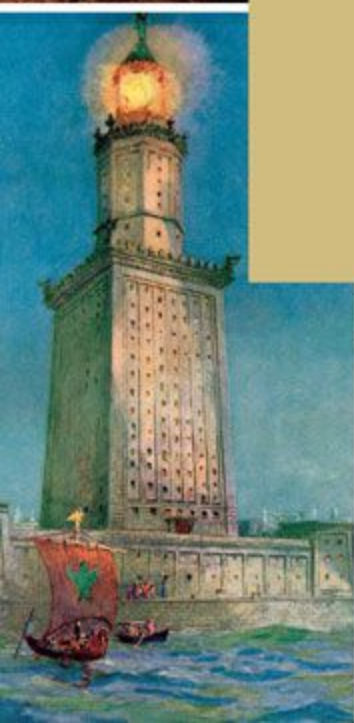
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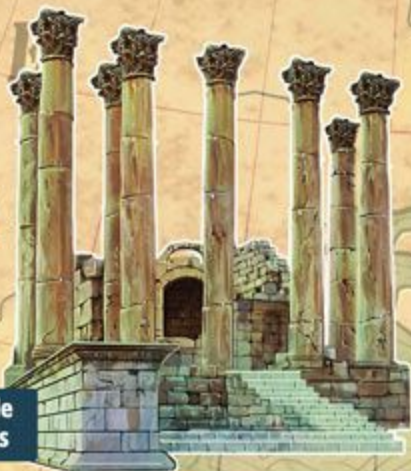


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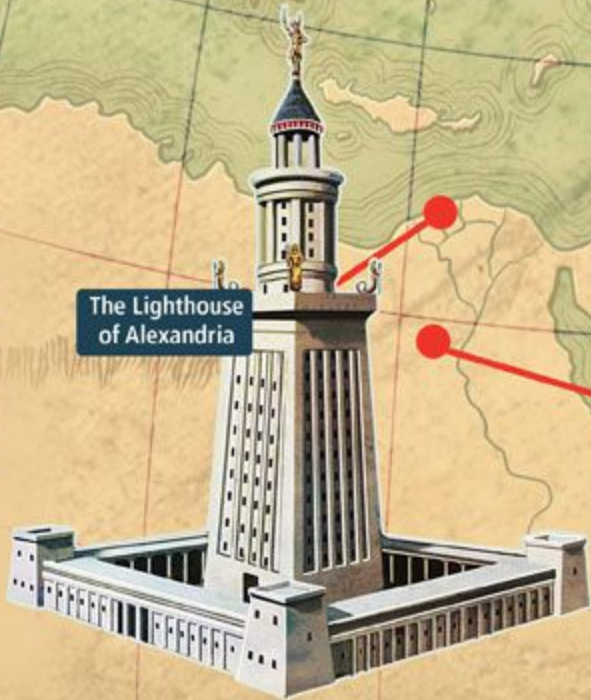
The Temple of Artemis

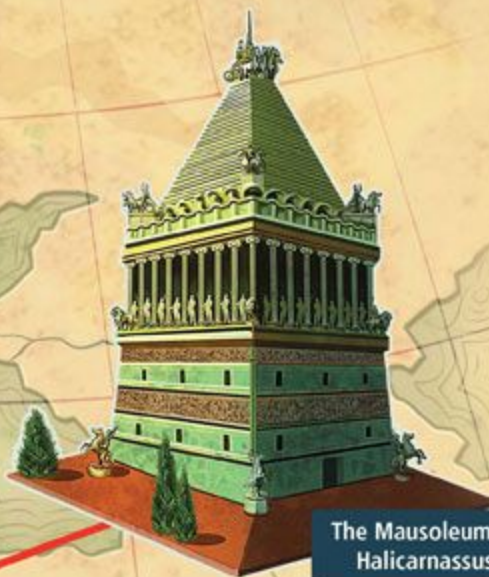


A first list

The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World are monuments which represent the most wondrous examples of human achievement in art, architecture, and engineering. They were all located around the Mediterranean and they were all huge, impressive, and beautiful, inspiring awe and admiration. The first list of these monuments first appears about 2000 years ago in a short poem by Antipatrus, a Greek poet. Today we call them the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and sadly all but one of them can now only be found in history books.

The Lighthouse of Alexandria



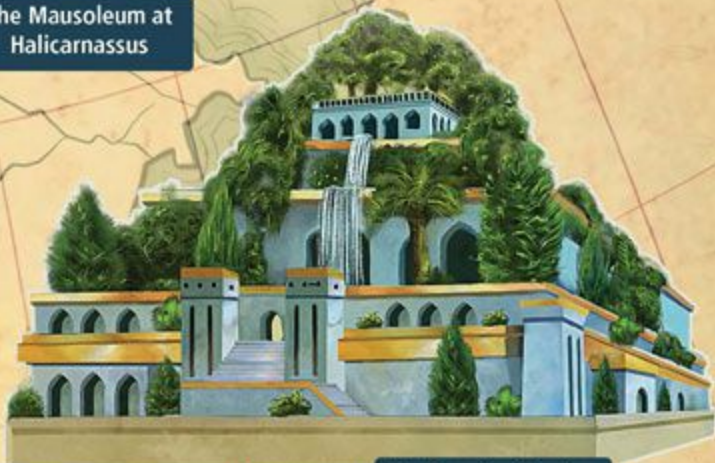


The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus

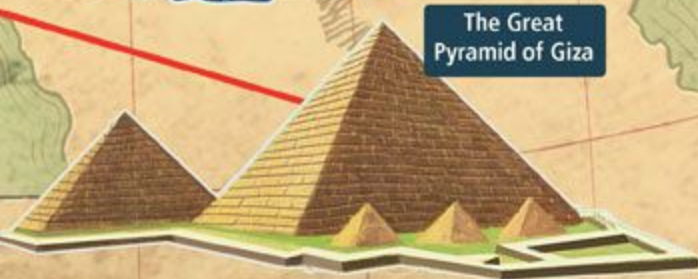
The Great Pyramid in Egypt is the only wonder that survived to the present day. All the others, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Temple of Artemis, the Statue of Zeus at Olympia, the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, the Colossus of Rhodes and the Lighthouse of Alexandria, were destroyed by earthquakes or fire and have disappeared or are in ruins.



The Colossus of Rhodes



The Hanging Gardens of Babylon



The Great Pyramid of Giza

Originally, the list was called the Seven Sights of the World and so it was a kind of ancient travel guide.

The Great Pyramid of Giza

In the suburbs of Cairo, one of the world's most famous sights rises from the desert. The large stone structure towers over its surroundings. It is, after all, 450 feet tall and made up of over 2.3 million individual blocks of stone. Researchers and historians are still puzzled about this enormous masterpiece of ancient engineering. It is the Great Pyramid of Giza, completed around 2560 BCE. Throughout the ages, this pyramid has inspired awe and curiosity in all who have seen it.

The Great Pyramid is the only ancient wonder that time and outside forces did not destroy. Despite this fact, questions about its construction and purpose still do not have definitive answers.

