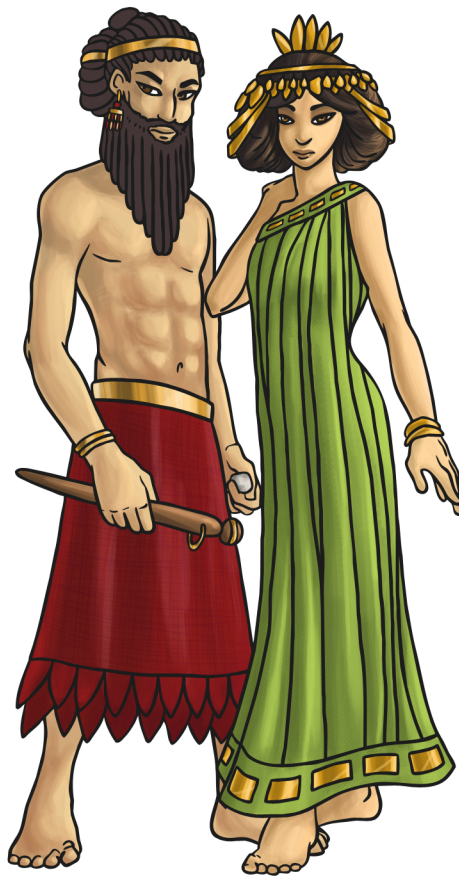


Ancient Sumer

The people called the 'Sumer' move into the land Mesopotamia. They form the first towns and cities, plant crops and begin farming the land.



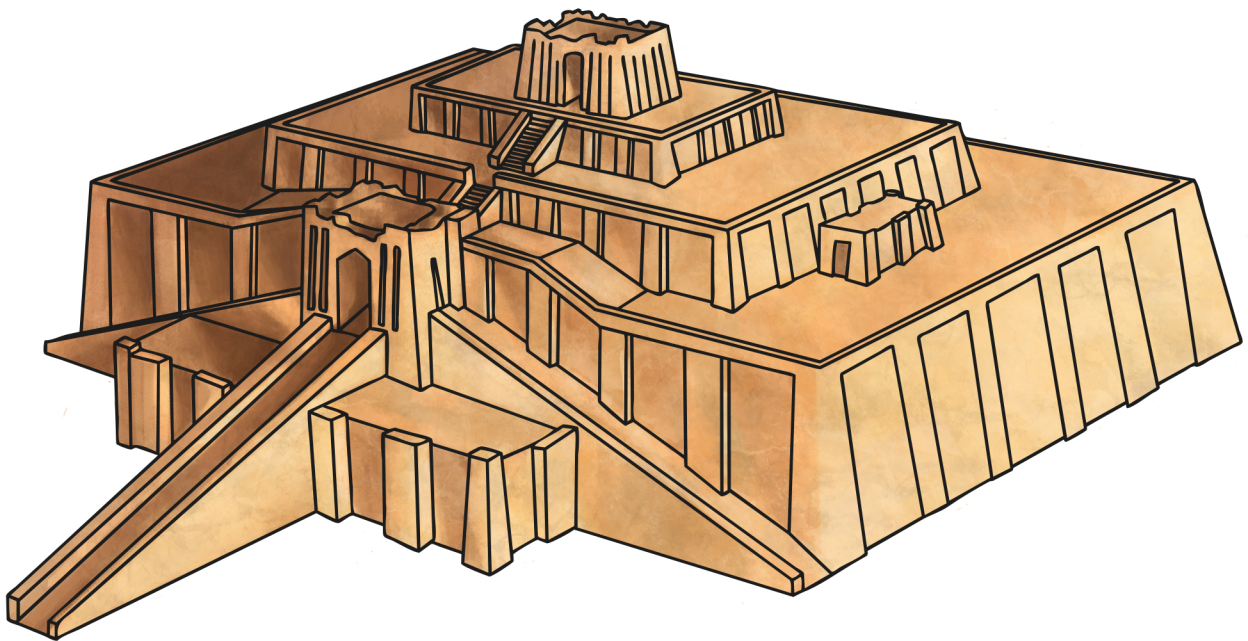
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Ancient Sumer

The Sumer people build temples to their gods. These temples are called ziggurats and can be found scattered around what is today Iraq and Iran.



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Ancient Sumer

Pottery starts to transition from more highly decorative work that is produced on a slow wheel to a large variety of unpainted pottery. This is mass-produced by specialists on fast wheels.



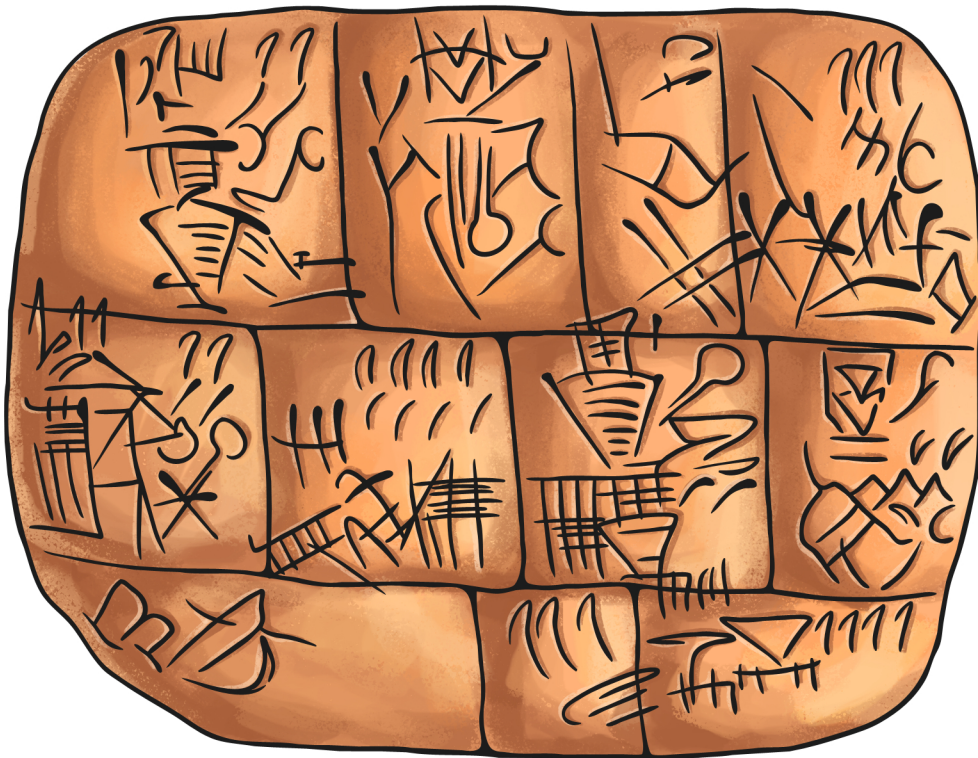
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Ancient Sumer

The Sumerians start to inscribe on clay tablets using pictures for words. They put these together to form sentences and one of the first forms of writing is invented.



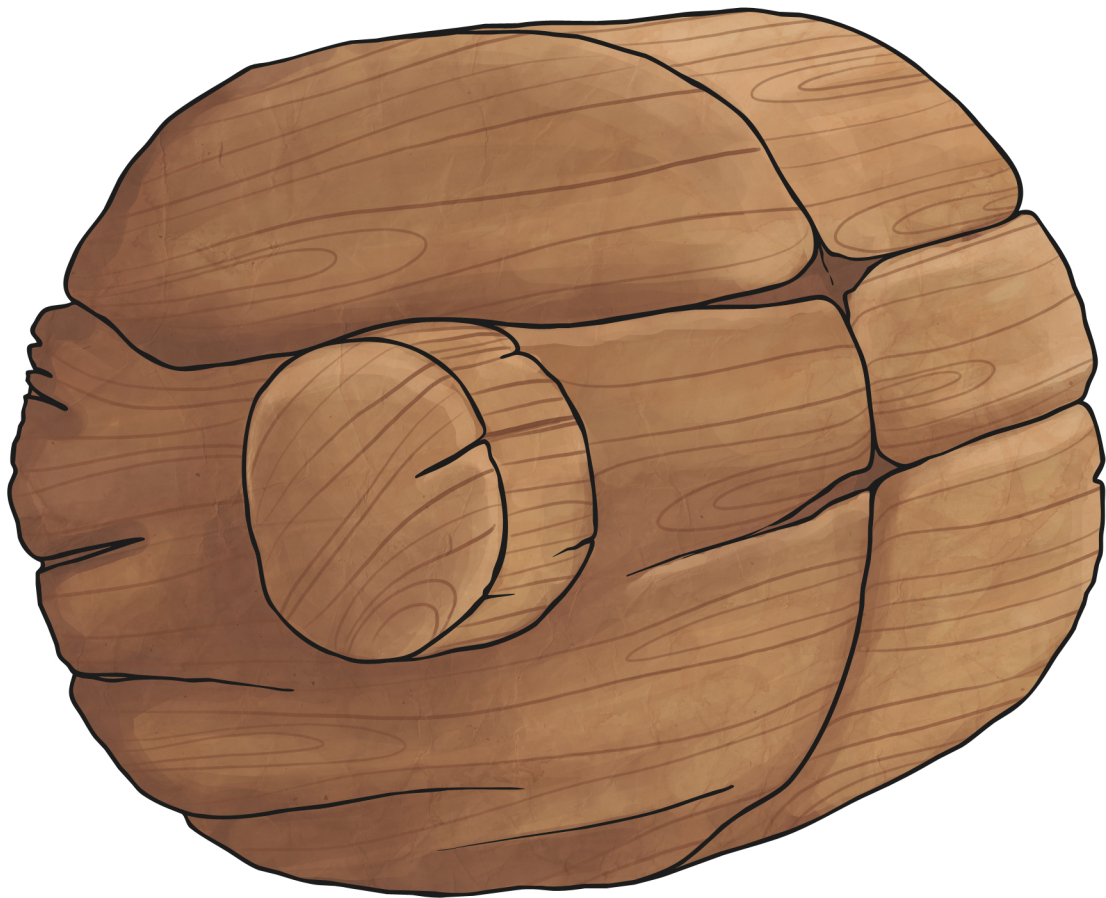
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Ancient Sumer

The wheel is invented and used on vehicles.



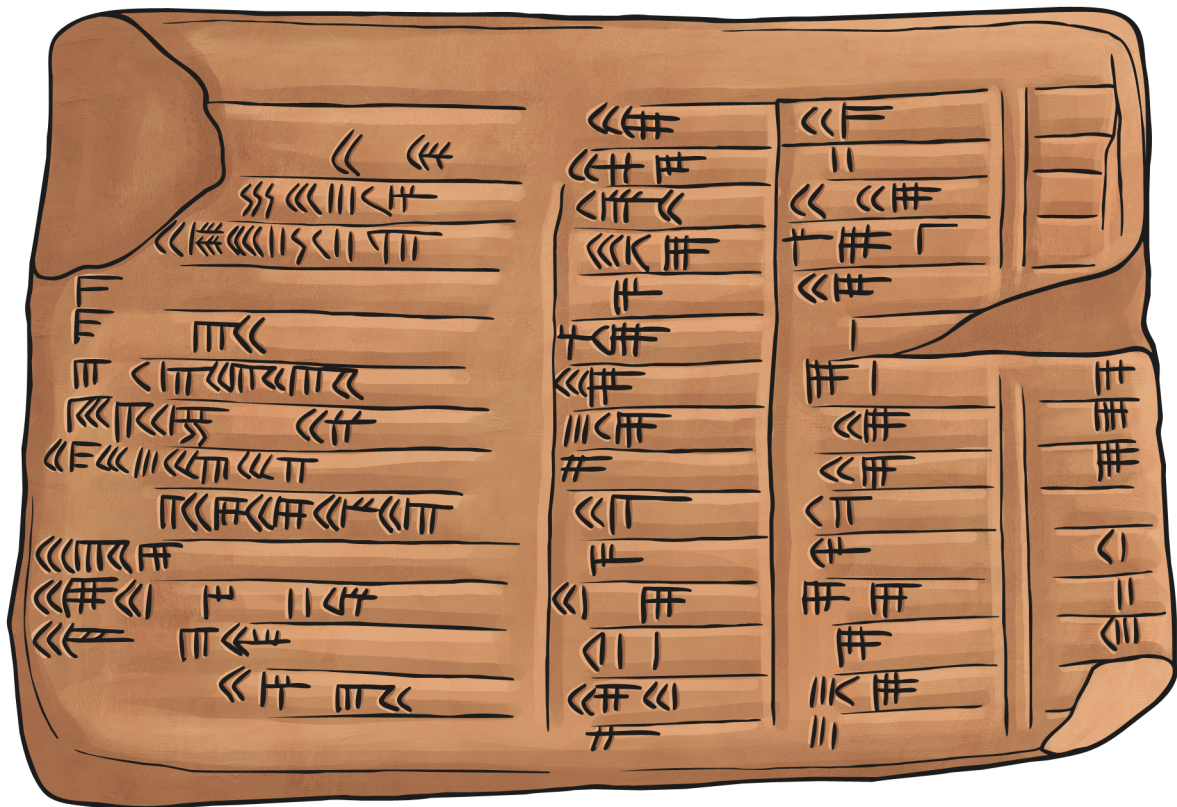
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Ancient Sumer

The Sumerians start to use mathematics.



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Ancient Sumer

Gilgamesh becomes the 5th king of Uruk (modern day Iraq). According to the Sumerian King list, Gilgamesh rules for 126 years. In Mesopotamian mythology Gilgamesh is a demigod, he is described as two thirds god and one third man, with superhuman strength.



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Ancient Sumer

Enkidu is a central figure in Mesopotamian mythology about Gilgamesh. Enkidu is said to have been formed from clay and saliva by the goddess of creation, sent to rid Gilgamesh of his arrogance. He is described as a wild man, raised by animals and ignorant of human society. Enkidu later becomes the king's constant friend and companion, he accompanies Gilgamesh on adventures until the king falls ill.



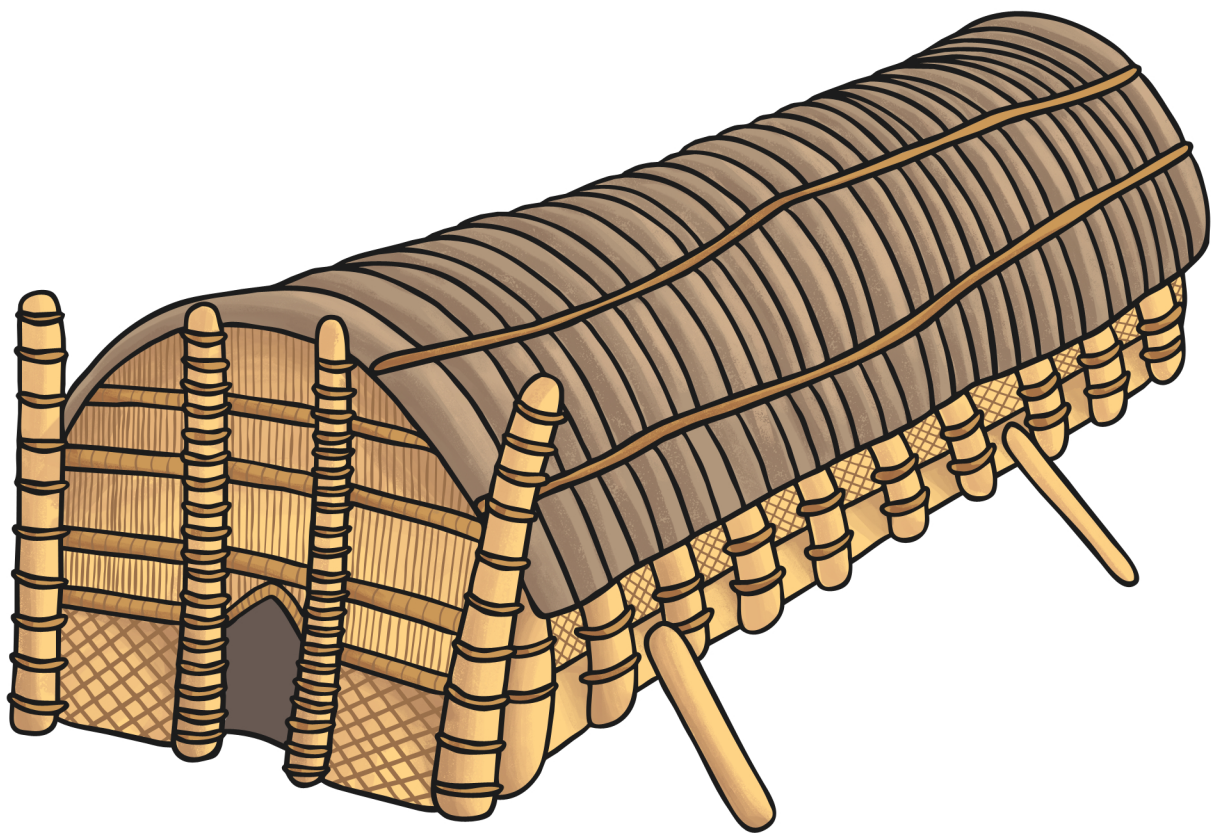
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Ancient Sumer

The Sumerian people are conquered by the Akkadians who establish the Akkadian Empire.



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