

Seven Wonders of the World

In the ancient world there were seven man made structures that fascinated many travellers. The first list of “seven wonders of the ancient world” was made more than 2000 years ago by hellenic travellers. Using modern-day countries, two of the wonders were located in Greece, two in Turkey, two in Egypt and one in Iraq. Though six wonders were destroyed over the centuries and only one remained standing, these wonders still tell the stories of human achievement.

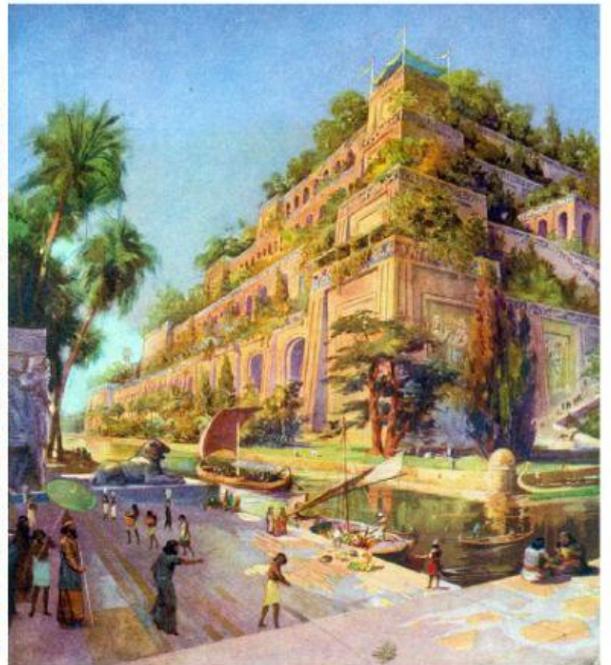
The Great Pyramids of Giza

The Great Pyramid, the only Wonder that still remains, was the tallest man-made structure for nearly 4000 years. It served as a tomb of the pharaoh Cheops. The original height was around 147 meters with length around 230 meters. 4000 years ago Pyramids looked even more fascinating. They were covered by a brilliant white limestone with a gold cap on the top.



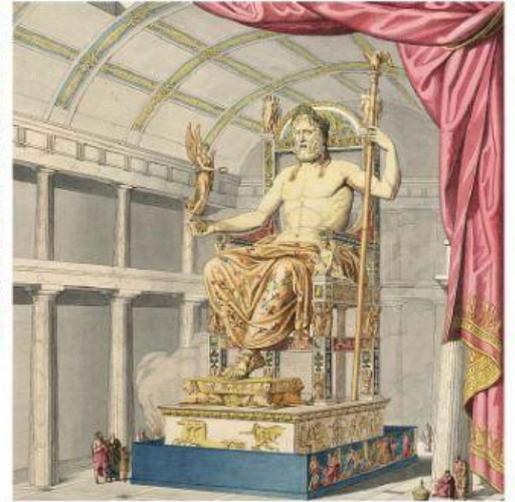
The Hanging Gardens of Babylon

The gardens were built by Babilonian King to please his wife who missed her home. According to the theory there were great terraces built on the top of each other. Each terrace had a planted garden with tropical trees, flowers, bushes and vines. Some people believe these gardens were a legend because no one knew their location.



The statue of Zeus at Olympia

The statue of Zeus at Olympia was made by the great sculptor Phidias in the 5th century bc. It was a grand statue of ivory and gold, almost 12 meters high. After nine centuries since it was made the statue was destroyed.



The Temple of Artemis

The building of this temple took 120 years to complete. This temple was constructed to celebrate Artemis the goddess of hunt, wild animals and nature. The temple was about 110 by 55 meters. It was set on fire by the man who just wanted his name to be remembered after many centuries.



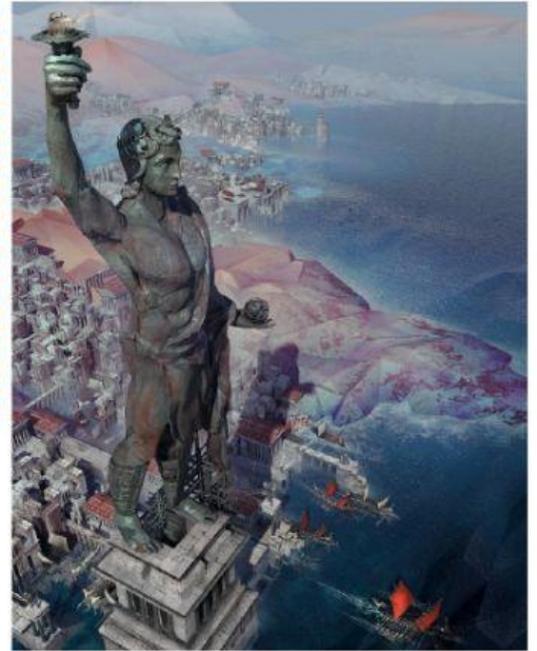
The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus

The building has its name from King Mausolus. After his death his queen asked the Greek architects to construct a monumental building over his tomb. Since then any monumental tomb is called mausoleum. This building was probably destroyed by the earthquake.



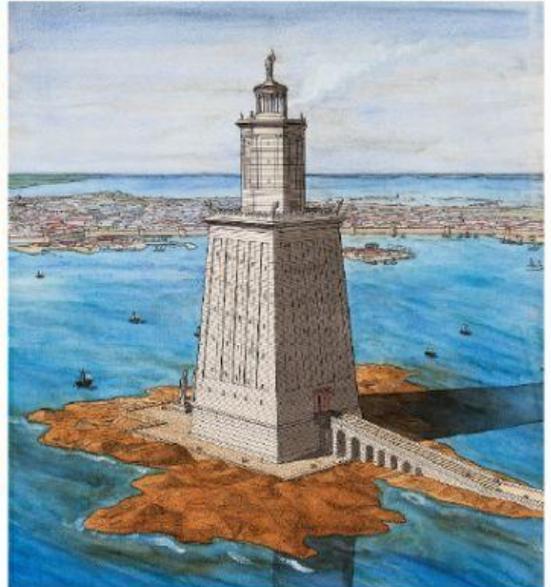
The Colossus of Rhodes

The Colossus of Rhodes was a great bronze statue on the greek island by the same name. It was a statue of the Greek sun-god Helios and was around 32 meters high. It stood for 56 years at the entrance of the harbour and fell during the earthquake.



The Pharos of Alexandria

This ancient lighthouse was over 107 meters and stand on the island in the harbour of Alexandria in Egypt. It served as a navigational bulding for travellers. During the day the mirror on the top reflected sunlight. At night, a fire was lit to guide travellers. It was destroyed during the earthquake.



1. Choose the correct word according to the text:

1. This temple was constructed to celebrate Artemis the goddess of and nature.
2. The pyramids were covered by brilliant
3. The Colossus of Rhodes was a great statue.
4. The statue of at Olympia was made by the great sculptor Phidias.
5. Each terrace had a planted with tropical trees, flowers.
6. The building has its name from Mausolus.

2. Join words opposite in meaning (antonyms)

ancient

stand

was built

brilliant

to be remembered

great

dark

fall

small

to be forgotten

was destroyed

modern

3. Find the name of a building, structure or element of the landscape:

