

## Chapter 15

# From the Earliest Art to the Bronze Age

## CHAPTER OVERVIEW

Historically, art has been created to serve specific goals or functions. The study of art from prehistoric times to early civilization gives us insight into the goals of early humans. The visual images created by Paleolithic and Neolithic peoples and the art and architecture of early civilizations are all considered in this chapter.

## OBJECTIVES

- Trace the origins of early art in the Paleolithic and Neolithic periods.
- Contrast scholarly theories about the cultural function of the earliest artworks.
- State technological and socio-economic changes that gave rise to the first civilizations.
- Compare the stylistic and cultural features of art from Mesopotamia and ancient Egypt.
- Discuss art's memorial function throughout history.

**Directions:** Read the chapter and take notes on each section. You will be responsible for knowing the listed artworks in depth. Create **notecards** for each artwork and include the following on the notecard that the text includes:

Title\*

Content

Artist/Culture\*

Context

Date\*

Function

Materials\*

Form

Location if structure\*

\*be able to identify 2/4 of these identifiers on the test without answer bank

## GUIDED NOTES:

## The Paleolithic Period

Define Paleolithic Art- \_\_\_\_\_

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When were stone tools first developed? \_\_\_\_\_

Currently, how old is the first embellished or decorated object and describe it?

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What are the dates of the Paleolithic art- \_\_\_\_\_

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Name\_\_\_\_\_

What are some examples of Paleolithic Art-\_\_\_\_\_

What are the characteristics of human existence from the Paleolithic time period?

**Woman [Venus] of Willendorf-notecard**

**Wall painting of animals from Chauvet Cave. Pont d'Arc, France. -notecard**

Define Petroglyphs-\_\_\_\_\_

What is the significance of petroglyphs? -\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

## The Neolithic Period

Define Neolithic art-\_\_\_\_\_

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What are the characteristics of human civilization from the Neolithic time period? -\_\_\_\_\_

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What are the characteristics of Neolithic art?-\_\_\_\_\_

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Discuss how the transition from Paleolithic to Neolithic cultures was a major turning point in human history.-\_\_\_\_\_

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**Earthenware Beaker. Susa, Iran. c. 4000 B.C.E.-notecard**

**Stonehenge-notecard**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

## The Beginnings of Civilization & Mesopotamia

What are the distinguishing characteristics of a civilization? \_\_\_\_\_

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What and where were the first four famous civilizations?\_\_\_\_\_

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### Ziggurat of Ur-Nammu-notecard

### Lyre. from "The King's Grave" tomb. Ur. c. 2650-2550 B.C.E -notecard

Define Ziggurats-\_\_\_\_\_

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Name\_\_\_\_\_

## Egypt

**The Great Pyramids. Giza, Egypt. c. 2700-2500 BCE -notecard**

**King Menkaura and Queen Khamerernebtj. -notecard**

Why did the stylistic characteristics of ancient Egyptian art change relatively little over time?-

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Why is Tutankhamen the best-known pharaoh today?-

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What style characteristics are typical of Egyptian sculpture and painting?

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Define hierarchic scale-

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