

Mesopotamia Webquest

You will be exploring ancient Mesopotamia using the British Museum website. You will be working in three areas of the website... The Royal Tombs of Ur, Ziggurats, and Trade and Transport. Start by going to www.mesopotamia.co.uk and then click on the screen after the animation is complete.

The screen should now look like this:



You will see the titles "Royal Tombs of Ur" and "Ziggurats" under the word Sumer when you drag the arrow over Sumer. Click on The Royal Tombs of Ur and then click on the goats head to get started.

The Royal Tombs of Ur

From 1922 to 1934, an archaeologist named C. Leonard Woolley excavated the site of the ancient Sumerian city of Ur. He made many great discoveries about the people who lived there.

Among the 1800 graves he discovered, there were 16 tombs which had very special and valuable objects in them. He called them the 'Royal tombs'.

The discovery of these tombs and their contents was reported all over the world. People read all about Woolley's excavations and were fascinated by his discoveries.

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Read about Woolley's excavations at Ur and how he found the Royal tombs Explore four of the Royal tombs

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Play the Royal Game of Ur

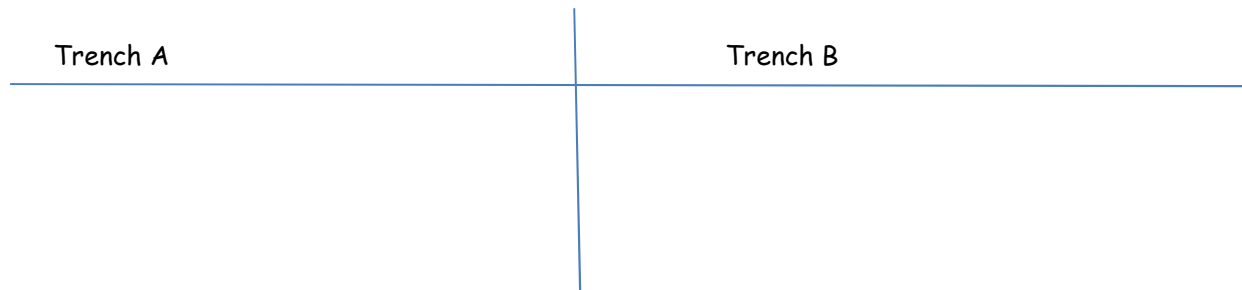
You can get to the Ziggurat section by clicking on Mesopotamia in the left column and then looking for the Ziggurat heading under Sumer. The Trade and Transportation section is found by clicking on Mesopotamia on the left and then looking under Babylonia.

You may click on any **BLUE** word or picture to get more information.

Royal Tombs of Ur

Story Section (click on the arrows to advance the story)

1. Where did Leonard Woolley travel? What was his starting point and what was his final destination?
2. What different modes of transportation did he take to get to his destination?
3. In what year did he first travel?
4. What items were found in Trench A and what items were found in Trench B?



5. How many burial sites did Woolley find by the time he finished digging? How many royal tombs did he find?
6. What time frame were most of the burials from? (approximately what year were they buried?)
7. In what year did Woolley finish exploring Ur? How many years did he spend working at the site?

Click on Explore on the left side of the page to go to the next section...

Royal Tombs of Ur - Explore Section

All of the items in Blue on the map can be clicked on to learn more about them.

8. List five things found in **tomb PG 800**.

9. What can be learned about the Sumerians by looking at the lists of items above found in the tomb?

Click on Room 779, then click on the picture of the "standard".

10. What is a standard?

Click again on the picture of the standard and run the curser over the box - whenever the curser arrow turns into a hand, click to see individual sections of the standard.

11. Describe three different sections on the standard.

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12. What can we learn about Mesopotamia by looking at the standard?

Click on the word Mesopotamia on the left side of the screen and then click on Ziggurats

Ziggurats - Story Section - Click the white arrow to the right to move forward in the story.

13. Describe the Mesopotamian temples to the gods using three or more descriptive points.

14. Name two responsibilities the kings had in taking care of the temples.

15. Why did people in Mesopotamia stop building ziggurats?

16. What happened to the ziggurats over time?

Click on the word **explore** on the left side of the screen to get to the next section.

Ziggurats - Explore Section

Examine the photographs taken by Leonard Woolley. They are to the right of the picture of Leonard Woolley himself. Describe the landscape where the excavation of the ziggurat took place.

Brainstorm 10 items that an archeologist working at the ziggurat should make sure that they bring with them to be successful and happy.

Click on Mesopotamia on the left side of the screen. Then click on Trade and Transportation under Babylon, and finally click on the donkey's head to start the next section.

Trade and Transpiration - Story Section

Fill out the chart below:

Name	Destination	Planning to Sell	Hopes to Buy
Nur-Shamash			
Iddin-Sin			
Nabium-malik			

Choose a merchant, make decisions, and explore the story.

List and explain 5 decisions that you needed to make on your journey.

List and explain 5 things that you learned about trade in Mesopotamia by reading this story.

Were you a successful trader?

Trade and Transportation - Explore Section

Mode of Transportation	Description of the mode of transport.	Examples of items carried by this mode of transport.
Foot		
Donkey		
Gulf Boat		
Raft		
Coracle		
River Boat		
Cart		