

## Fertile Crescent Empire Stele Project



### Overview

You will be creating an Akkadian style *stela* to highlight one of the accomplishments of one of the great Fertile Crescent empires. A stele is a slab of stone on which artists would carve *relief sculptures* (pictures) of military battles or other major achievements.

Your stele should show an important person, place, or thing related to the history of the Fertile Crescent. Along with a picture, you will also write a caption explaining the picture.

### Topic Options

<b>Akkadian Empire</b> <b>(History Alive! 52 – 53)</b>	<b>Babylonian Empire</b> <b>(History Alive! 54 – 55)</b>	<b>Assyrian Empire</b> <b>(History Alive! 56 – 57)</b>
1. Sargon 2. Agade (city) 3. Art and culture	1. Hammurabi 2. Law Code 3. Babylon (city)	1. Military power 2. Palaces and/or sculptures 3. Ashurbanipal ( <b>challenging!</b> )
<b>Neo-Babylonian Empire</b> <b>(History Alive! 58 – 59)</b>	<b>The Phoenicians</b> <b>(Peeps Pages 54 – 55)</b>	<b>The Persians</b> <b>(Peeps Page 55)</b>
1. Nebuchadnezzar II 2. Hanging Gardens 3. Astronomy	1. Sailing 2. Trade Items 3. Alphabet	There is not much information in the textbooks. You will need to find your own topic and resources.

### Project Requirements

#### 1. Research Notes and Rough Draft (5 Points)

- Take **notes** about your topic on the back of this paper.
- Use the blank stele to draw a **rough draft**.
- Write a rough draft of the caption on a separate sheet of paper. **Show your revisions and edits.**

#### 2. Stele Drawing (15 Points)

- Draw a **picture** on a stele of something relating to your topic. Your drawing should be neatly colored or shaded.
- Neatly write/draw a **title** for the stele.

#### 3. Caption (10 Points)

- Write a **caption** explaining the accomplishment. The caption should be **at least three sentences** long. Include important vocabulary words and key phrases.
- Write **neatly** in black ink or type the caption.

**Total Points** \_\_\_\_\_ / 30

