



Fertile Crescent Empire Stele Project (Spectrum)

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 Assignments (Circle Your Choice)

<p style="text-align: center;">Tables 1 and 4 Akkadian Empire (History Alive! 52 – 53)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sargon 2. Agade (city) 3. Art and culture 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tables 2 and 5 Babylonian Empire (History Alive! 54 – 55)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hammurabi 2. Law Code 3. Babylon (city) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tables 3 and 6 Assyrian Empire (History Alive! 56 – 57)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Military power 2. Palaces and/or sculptures 3. Ashurbanipal (challenging!)
<p style="text-align: center;">Table 7 Neo-Babylonian Empire (also known as Chaldean) (History Alive! 58 – 59)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nebuchadnezzar II 2. Hanging Gardens 3. Astronomy 	<p style="text-align: center;">Table 8 The Phoenicians (Peeps Pages 54 – 55)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sailing 2. Trade Items 3. Alphabet 	<p style="text-align: center;">Alternate Choice The Persians (Peeps Page 55)</p> <p>There is not much information in the textbooks. You will need to find your own topic and resources.</p>

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 five sentences** long. Include important vocabulary words and key phrases.
 - Write **neatly** in black ink or type the caption.
- 4. Bibliography (5 Points)**
 - Turn in the bibliography form showing at least two sources you used for research.

Total Points _____ / 35

