

1. Something I learned about prehistoric art is that the art subjects were animals and once in a while people. Some believed if they captured them in art they could capture them in real life.
2. There is no architecture left from the stone age except Stonehenge, by why it was built was still a mystery.
3. They also built in the ancient period sculptures called Venuses that looked similar to the female body as possibly a religious reasons, for a fertile earth or woman but used these as dealing with these concerns.
4. I didn't know that the Egyptians believed that the Nile had spiritual significance and was seen as god. The river were seen as essential and wouldn't exist without it and most rivers.
5. Egyptian art was always for religious reasons and was close to the afterlife and that happiness was continued through the afterlife, so tombs were decorated with normal activities.
6. The Egyptian king is also depicted as god and in the art he is always larger then the people surrounding him.
7. One of the most impressive mortuary temple is that of a female pharaoh, Queen Hatshepsut, all temples and pyramids consisted of many chambers and shafts. They were all decorated with riches that people plundered. Temples do not house the pharaoh's remains though.
8. Assyrians were a blood thirsty people that were influenced by Babylonian art, culture, and religion and ignored agriculture development which depleted their resources.
9. Most Assyrian art subjects are of the king's military exploits and brutal hunts. They showed the strength of the ruler.
10. The Persian art relief is more deeply carved and is also has very fancy animal forms and stylized floral decoration, it is very beautiful and notably different technique then the Assyrians.