

# The Neo-Assyrian Empire

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## Summary

This book is about the Neo-Assyrian Empire, the world's most powerful empire.

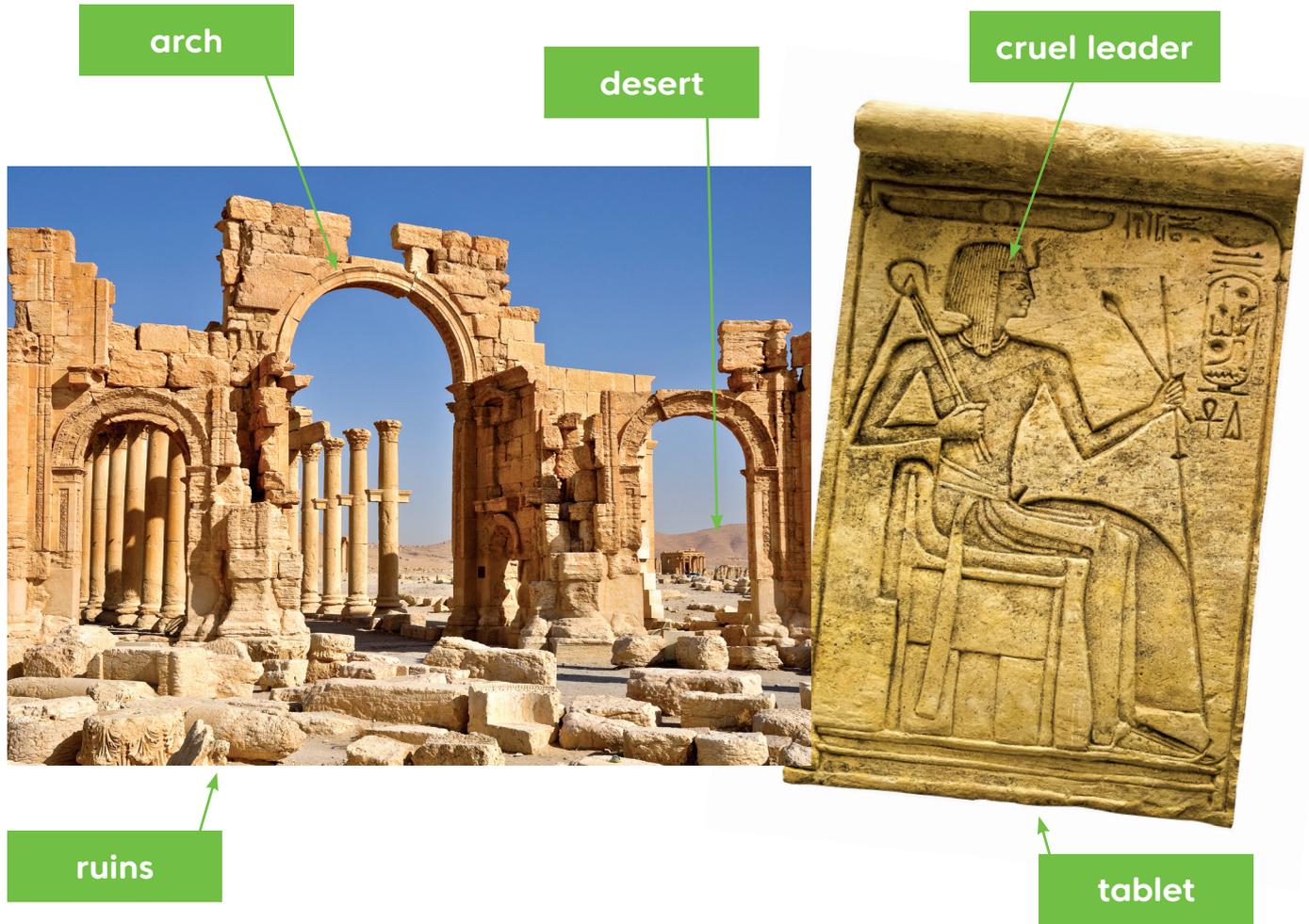
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# Before Reading

## Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1. What is a place with little water?
2. What kind of ruler kills many people?
3. What kind of opening helps keep up a building?
4. What are the old, broken remains of a building or city?

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# Vocabulary

## A Read and match.

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• a. chariot

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• b. library

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• c. iron

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• d. paved road

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• e. postal service

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• f. toilet

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• g. terror

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• h. empire

**B Write the word for each definition.**

governor      capital      capture      restore      swallow

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the most important city in a country, region, or state
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to pass something down the throat
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to return something to its former condition
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to take a city or people by force
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a ruler or leader of an area of land

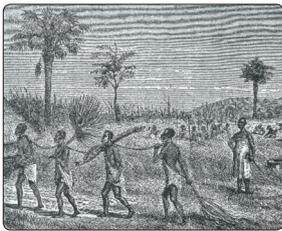
**C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.**

1. After the Assyrians captured a city, they took all its money, gold, and jewels.
  - a. treasure
  - b. iron
  - c. tablets
  - d. toilets
2. The Assyrian Empire became larger and covered much of Iraq.
  - a. swallowed
  - b. restored
  - c. expanded
  - d. captured
3. The Assyrians forced captured people to become people owned by them who had to work for free.
  - a. chariots
  - b. diplomats
  - c. slaves
  - d. governors
4. The Assyrian government expected all people in its empire to be faithful.
  - a. loyal
  - b. cruel
  - c. paved
  - d. postal

# Comprehension

**A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.**

- a. The Assyrian Empire had great works of art.
- b. A British diplomat discovered the ruins of Sennacherib's palace.
- c. Slaves had to work thousands of kilometers away from their homes.



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_

**B Choose the best answer.**

1. Which Assyrian ruler made the laws better?
  - a. Tiglath Pileser III
  - b. Sargon II
  - c. Shalmaneser V
  - d. Cyprus II
  
2. What is NOT true about Nineveh?
  - a. It was the capital of the Assyrian Empire.
  - b. It was destroyed by enemies of the empire.
  - c. it was restored by Sennacherib.
  - d. It was captured by Sargon II.
  
3. What is the Assyrian Empire known for?
  - a. Its method of government
  - b. Its destruction of Nineveh
  - c. How loyal its people were
  - d. How kind its leaders were

**C** Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. Art showing an Assyrian chariot
- b. A clay tablet in Ashurbanipal
- c. A large empire covering the Middle East
- d. A huge palace in the capital
- e. An old door lock created by the Neo-Assyrians



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_

**D** Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The Assyrians could expand because of their skill in war.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The Assyrian Empire created many different cultural identities.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The Assyrians made enemies because of their cruel treatment of people.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Ideas from the Assyrian Empire still affect our modern society.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The Assyrians did not think that art or knowledge was important.

**E Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

1. The Assyrians used \_\_\_\_\_ to make their weapons stronger.  
arches iron
2. The Assyrians made the first \_\_\_\_\_ system.  
postal slave
3. Tablets in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Ashurbanipal gave us a better understanding of world history.  
Capital Library
4. The Assyrian Empire ruled smaller areas through \_\_\_\_\_.  
governors diplomats
5. King Sennacherib \_\_\_\_\_ the city of Nineveh.  
restored captured

**F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ The Neo-Assyrians captured Babylon.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ The capital was moved to Nineveh.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Enemies of the Neo-Assyrians attacked Nineveh.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Sargon II built up the Assyrian empire.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ The ruins of Sennacherib's palace was discovered.

## Think About It

**A** Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
The world's first empire was the _____ Empire.	The Assyrians created new ways to make war, so they became very _____.	The Neo-Assyrian Empire lasted from _____ to 612 BC.	The Neo-Assyrian Empire covered the whole of the _____.	The Assyrians were cruel and made many enemies who finally _____ the city of Nineveh.

**B** Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Before I read this book, I knew \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Now I also know \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.