

The Neo-Assyrian Empire

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Summary

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

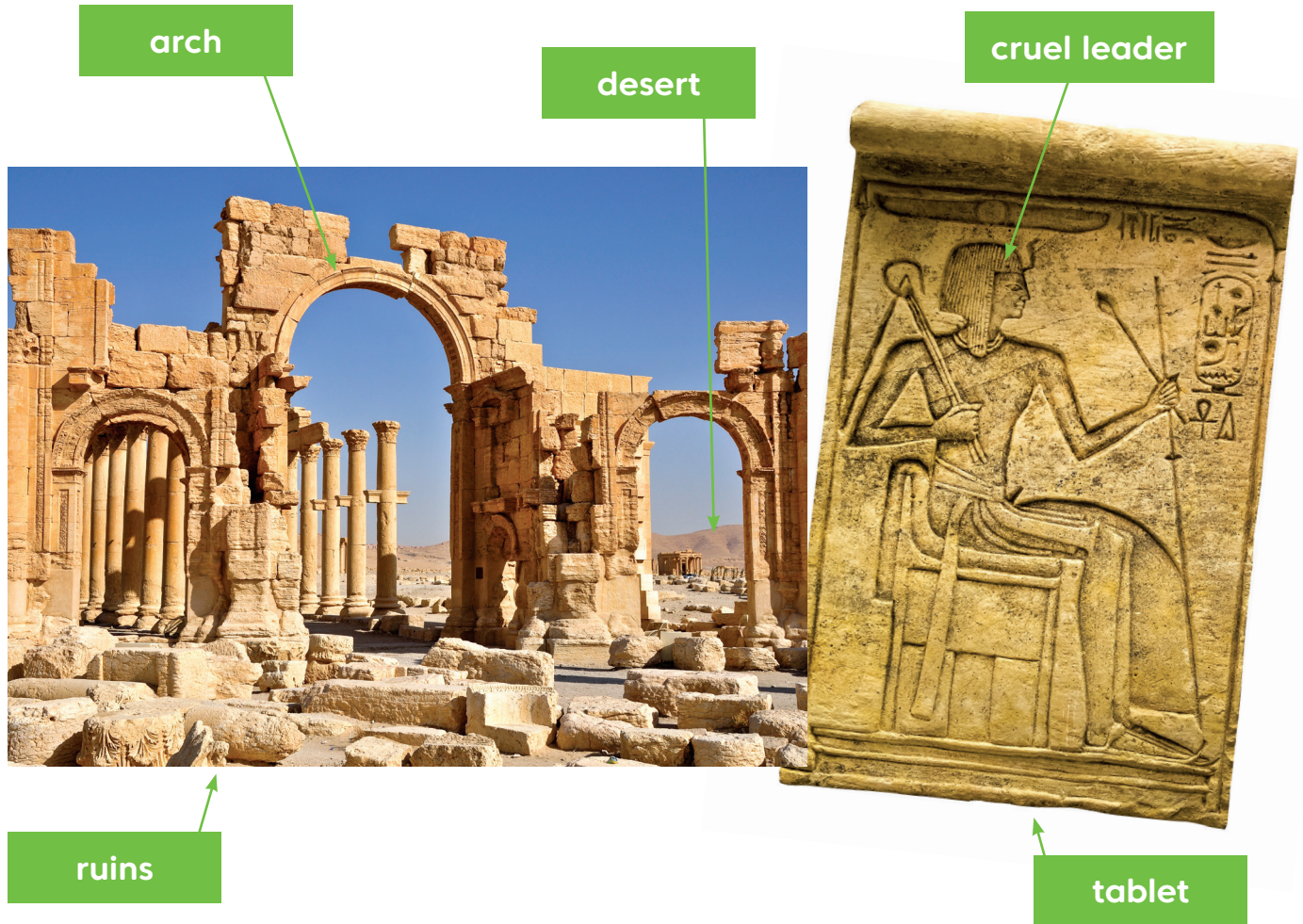
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Before Reading

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?

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

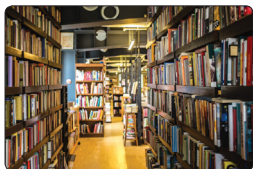
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• e. postal service

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• f. toilet

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• g. terror

8.



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• h. empire

B Write the word for each definition.

governor	capital	capture	restore	swallow
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- _____ the most important city in a country, region, or state
- _____ to pass something down the throat
- _____ to return something to its former condition
- _____ to take a city or people by force
- _____ a ruler or leader of an area of land

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

- After the Assyrians captured a city, they took all its money, gold, and jewels.
 a. treasure b. iron c. tablets d. toilets
- The Assyrian Empire became larger and covered much of Iraq.
 a. swallowed b. restored c. expanded d. captured
- 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
- 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.

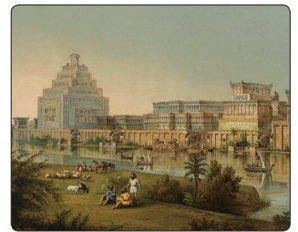
- a. The Assyrian Empire had great works of art.
- b. A British diplomat discovered the ruins of Sennacherib's palace.
- c. Slaves had to work thousands of kilometers away from their homes.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. Which Assyrian ruler made the laws better?
 - a. Tiglath Pileser III
 - b. Sargon II
 - c. Shalamaneser 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 _____

_____.