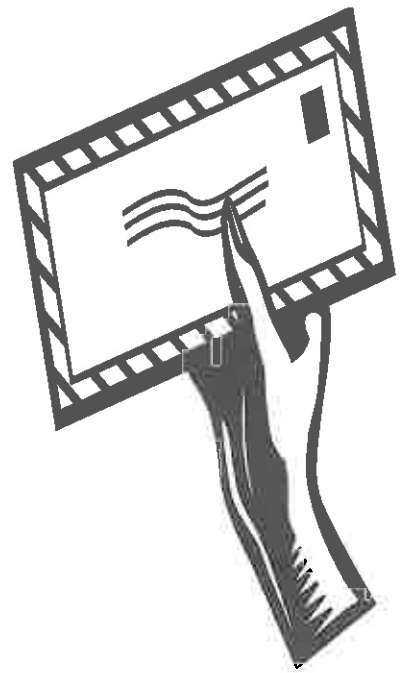


# POSTCARDS FROM... ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA

## **Task:**

You built a time machine and it has taken you back to Ancient Mesopotamia! Using the information you have learned so far in this unit, you are required to create a full color postcard to a loved one, depicting images and information about what life is like in Ancient Mesopotamia.



## **Requirements:**

**Front of Postcard:** On the front of your postcard, you will be required to draw a picture of something to do with Ancient Mesopotamia. This picture needs to be full color. You will also need to include some type of catchy greeting, such as “Greetings from Mesopotamia!” This section of the assignment will be out of 15 marks.

**Back of Postcard:** On the back of your postcard, you will be required to include a short letter to a loved one, telling them about what your daily life is like living in Ancient Mesopotamia. Be sure to include lots of interesting and important details. You will also have to create your own full color Mesopotamian stamp to include on the back of your postcard. You may use your notes to help you. This section of the assignment will be out of 15 marks.

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# EVALUATION CRITERIA

## POSTCARDS FROM ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA

<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>Front of Postcard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Color</li> <li>• Depicts images of life in Ancient Mesopotamia</li> <li>• Catchy Greeting</li> <li>• Resembles Postcard</li> </ul>	<b>/15</b>
<b>Back of Postcard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resembles Postcard</li> <li>• Uses proper layout</li> <li>• Letter includes lots of information about life in Ancient Mesopotamia</li> <li>• Spelling and Grammar</li> <li>• Neatness</li> </ul>	<b>/15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>/30</b>

# **THE HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON**

**The Hanging Garden of Babylon is a magnificent garden paradise that was said to have been built in the 7<sup>th</sup> century BCE.**

**The garden were built by King Nebuchadnezzar II, as a gift to his homesick wife. His wife missed the green forests and flowers of her homeland, and found the sun baked ground of Mesopotamia to be depressing. The King had the gardens built to bring a little of her homeland to Mesopotamia.**

**Even though they are called the “Hanging Gardens”, they probably did not actually hang. Instead, they were probably overhanging, in that they hung over a balcony or terrace.**

**It is said that the gardens were terraced, and that they were surrounded by the city walls. A moat also surrounded the gardens, to help keep out invading armies.**

**Historians debate about whether or not the gardens actually existed. When Babylon was excavated, no traces of the Hanging Gardens were found.**