

## GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY ACTIVITY 4

# Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

In the 100s B.C., an ancient Greek historian named Herodotus made a list of the most spectacular human-made structures of his time. Years later, other Greek historians wrote about these "wonders." During the Middle Ages the list was revised to include structures from other parts of the world that the Greeks would not have known about. The structures on the list were impressive works of architecture and engineering, often with some religious meaning. Today, only one of the Seven Wonders exists—the Great Pyramid of Giza.

Wonder	Location
1. Great Pyramid of Giza	In Giza, the royal burial place outside the ancient capital of Memphis, near present-day Cairo, Egypt
2. Hanging Gardens of Babylon	On the east bank of the Euphrates River south of present-day Baghdad, Iraq
3. Statue of Zeus at Olympus	In the ancient town of Olympia, west of modern Athens, Greece
4. Temple of Artemis at Ephesus	In the ancient city of Ephesus near present-day Selcuk, Turkey
5. Mausoleum at Halicarnassus	In the city of Bodrum, Turkey, on the Aegean Sea
6. Colossus of Rhodes (a statue)	In the harbor of Rhodes, a Greek island in the Aegean Sea
7. Lighthouse of Alexandria	On the ancient island of Pharos, today a part of the city of Alexandria, Egypt

### The Wonders of Greece

Of the seven wonders on the list, two were located in ancient Greece: the Statue of Zeus at Olympus and the Colossus of Rhodes.

The Statue of Zeus was a 40-foot-tall (12 m) structure built in 457 B.C. to honor the god Zeus. The sculpture, carved from ivory, showed Zeus seated on a throne, draped in a gold robe. The god wore a wreath around his head and held a scepter in one hand and a figure of his messenger, Nike, in the other. The statue sat in an ornate temple in Olympia until a fire destroyed it in A.D. 462.

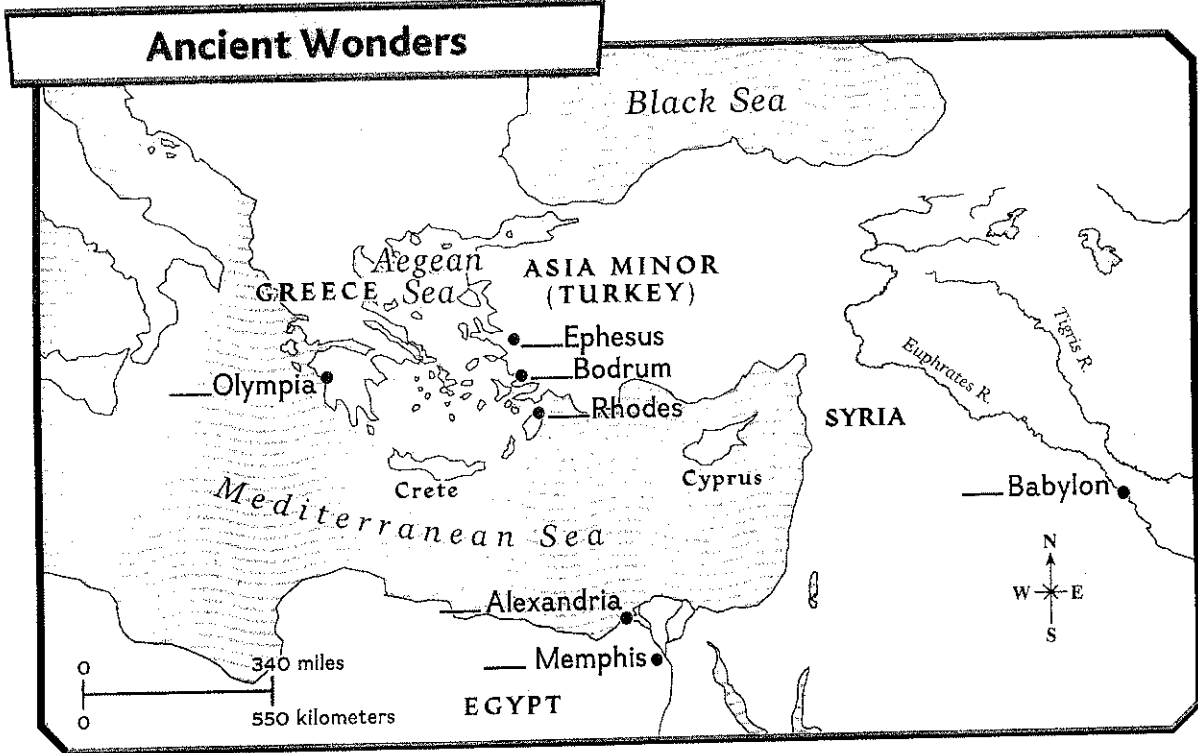
The Colossus of Rhodes was built in the early 200s B.C., near the harbor of Rhodes. The statue was in honor of the sun god Helios and was almost as tall as the Statue of Liberty. An earthquake destroyed it 56 years after it was built.

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# GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY ACTIVITY 4 (continued)

## Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

**Directions:** Answer the following questions. Write your answers on the map or in the spaces provided.



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- Map Activity** On the map above, write the number of each of the ancient wonders in its appropriate location.
- Which structures were located in Asia Minor (Turkey)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Which of the Seven Wonders can you actually visit today? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Which of the structures appear to be related to religion? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Evaluating** If you were to choose seven wonders of today's world, what would you pick? Why?  
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