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## CHAPTER

# 1

## The Prehistoric Past and the Earliest Civilizations: The River Cultures of the Ancient World

### Learning Objectives

- 1.1 Discuss the rise of culture and how developments in art and architecture reflect the growing sophistication of prehistoric cultures.
- 1.2 Describe the role of myth in prehistoric culture.
- 1.3 Distinguish among the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia, and focus on how they differ from that of the Hebrews.
- 1.4 Account for the stability of Egyptian culture.

### Chapter at a Glance

#### **The Beginnings of Culture**

Agency and Ritual: Cave Art  
Paleolithic Culture and Its Artifacts  
The Rise of Agriculture  
Neolithic Çatalhöyük  
Neolithic Pottery Across Cultures  
Neolithic Ceramic Figures  
The Neolithic Megaliths of Northern Europe

#### **Myth in Prehistoric Cultural Life**

Myth in the Native American Cultures of the Southwest  
Japan and the Role of Myth in the Shinto Religion

#### **Mesopotamia: Power and Social Order in the Early Middle East**

Sumerian Ur  
Akkad  
Babylon  
Mesopotamian Literature and the *Epic of Gilgamesh*  
The Hebrews  
The Persian Empire

#### **The Stability of Ancient Egypt: Flood and Sun**

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The Old Kingdom  
The New Kingdom and Its Moment of Change

## Continuity & Change: Egyptian and Greek Sculpture

### **Transition Guide**

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Fig. 1.11 Kachina doll (Maalo), Hopi Culture	Fig. 1.5 Reconstruction of a “shrine,” Çatalhöyük, Turkey
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### **MyArtsLab Multimedia Library**

#### **Closer Looks:**

- Nok Head
- Stonehenge
- Ise Shrine
- *The Standard of Ur*
- *The Palette of Narmer*
- *Akhenaten and His Family*

#### **Continuing Presence of the Past:**

- Marjane Satrapi, page from the “Kim Wilde” chapter of *Persepolis*, 2001
- Andy Goldsworthy, *Sandwork, Sand Sculpture, Time Machine*, installation at the British Museum, 1994

#### **Architectural Simulations:**

- The Pyramids
- Post and Lintel Construction

#### **Study and Review**

### **Revel Multimedia**

Çatalhöyük

Closer Look: Head from Nok

The Ancient City of Ur

Closer Look: Marjane Satrapi, page from “Kim Wilde,” *Persepolis*

Closer Look: Andy Goldsworthy, *Sandwork, Sand Sculpture, Time Machine*

Closer Look: *The Palette of Narmer*

Closer Look: *Akhenaten and His Family*

## **Teaching with Pearson Multimedia**

Homework assignment for *Closer Look: Akhenaten and His Family*

- Consider techniques used in ancient objects of art and ritual. What technique is used, for example, in *Akhenaten and His Family*? What does this technique (used to carve the limestone) reveal about the intent of the Akhenaten's message to the viewer?

In-Class assignment for *Closer Look: Marjane Satrapi, page from "Kim Wilde," Persepolis*

- Speculate on the intended message within the variety of sculptural figures within the Palace of Darius and Xerxes. This palace, with its artistic variety, serves as the setting for Satrapi's *Persepolis*. What cultural nuances serve as an inspirational backdrop on which Satrapi creates *Persepolis*? Consider other examples in which culture has influenced a greater work's setting or message.

## **Key Terms**

agency	metaphors
animism	modeling
anthropomorphism	myth
civilization	narrative genre
cromlech	naturalism
cuneiform writing	patriarchs
emergence tale	perspectival
epic	drawing
epithets	post-and-lintel
ground line	prehistoric
hieratic scale	registers
hominids	ritual
hunter-gatherers	shaman
kiva	similes
megaliths	social perspective
menhirs	stele
	ziggurat

## **Class Discussion Topics and Questions**

Discussion Topic: Discuss the creative endeavors of the prehistoric culture with a focus on the artistic contributions of primitive/ancient humans.

Question: Consider the advancements of primitive/ancient humans. What works of art and/or architecture serve as the best example of an emerging civilization? How might the creation and use of these items signify a turning point in humanity's social development?

Question: Consider the female votive figures (such as *Woman (Venus of Willendorf)* and *Woman Seated Between Two Felines*). What concepts might be important to the primitive/ancient human based on these examples?

Discussion Topic: A myth is a story that a culture assumes is true. Ancient myths were often used to explain natural phenomena (cosmology), such as creation, fertility, and the afterlife. Consider the importance of these myths within the context of the primitive/ancient human.

Question: What is the shaman's role in preserving myth, and why is it significant?

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## The Greek World: The Classical Tradition

### **Learning Objectives**

- 2.1 Outline how the Cycladic, Minoan, and Mycenaean cultures contributed to the later Greeks' sense of themselves.
- 2.2 Define the polis and explain how it came to reflect the values of Greek culture.
- 2.3 Describe how Pericles defined and shaped Golden Age Athens.
- 2.4 Characterize the values of the Hellenistic world in terms of politics, philosophy, and art.

### **Chapter at a Glance**

#### **Bronze Age Culture in the Aegean**

- The Cyclades
- Minoan Culture in Crete
- Mycenaean Culture on the Mainland
- The Homeric Epics

#### **The Rise of the Greek Polis**

- The Greek Gods
- The Greek Architectural Tradition
- Greek Sculpture and the Taste for Naturalism
- Athenian Pottery
- The Poetry of Sappho
- The Rise of Democracy and the Threat of Persia

#### **The Golden Age**

- The Architectural Program at the Acropolis
- The Sculptural Program at the Parthenon
- Philosophy and the Polis
- The Theater of the People

#### **The Hellenistic World**

- The Empire of Alexander the Great
- Toward Hellenistic Art: Sculpture in the Late Classical Period
- Aristotle: Observing the Natural World
- Alexandria
- Pergamon: Hellenistic Capital

#### **Continuity & Change: Rome and Its Hellenistic Heritage**

## **Transition Guide**

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Map 2.2 Athens as it appeared in the late 5th century	Fig. 2.23 Polygnotos, Two Women, One Playing a Lyre, 5th century BCE
Fig. 2.28 Model of the <i>Athena Parthenos</i> by Phidias	Fig. 2.33 The Amasis Painter (?), <i>Satyrs Making Wine</i> , detail of Athenian black-figure amphora
	Fig. 2.41 Reconstructed west staircase frieze of the Altar of Zeus, from Pergamon
	Fig. 2.43 Epigonos (?) <i>Gaul</i> , Roman copy of an original bronze
	Fig. 2.44 Epigonos (?) <i>Dying Gaul</i> , Roman copy of an original bronze

## **MyArtsLab Multimedia Library**

### **Closer Looks:**

- *Miniature Ship Fresco ("Flotilla Fresco")*
- *Snake Goddess*
- *Euphronius Krater*

### **Architectural Panoramas:**

- Parthenon

### **Continuing Presence of the Past:**

- Thomas Struth, *Pergamon Museum I, Berlin*, 2001

### **Architectural Simulations:**

- Greek Orders

### **Study and Review**

## **Revel Multimedia**

Closer Look: *The Snake Goddess or Priestess* from Crete

Closer Look: Vapheio Cups

Closer Look: *Death of Sarpedon*

Closer Look: Technique: Black-Figure and Red-Figure Vase Painting

The Acropolis

The Sculptural Program at the Parthenon

Theater of Dionysus

Altar of Zeus

Closer Look: Thomas Struth, Pergamon Museum 1

Students on Site: *Dying Gaul*

Closer Look: *Nike (Victory) of Samothrace*

## **Teaching with Pearson Multimedia**

Homework Assignment for Revel, *Closer Look: The Snake Goddess or Priestess from Crete*, or MyArtsLab, *Snake Goddess*

- What is the controversy surrounding the *Snake Goddess*? Address the scholarly concerns by examining the figure critically. Approach this figure as though you are an archeologist/historian attempting to verify its authenticity. Create a list of pros and cons wherein you discuss how the “additions” to this work may help or hinder the understanding or analysis of such an important figure.

In-Class Assignment for *Closer Look: Thomas Struth, Pergamon Museum 1*

- Does Struth’s technique of staging his photos create a more animated scene? How does the individual viewer within the photo become “art” as a result of this process? What other commentary might Struth reveal by the placement and manipulation of viewers within a museum setting?

## **Key Terms**

acropolis	lyric poems
agora	metopes
abacus	<i>Orchestra</i>
adyton	Orders
amphora	pantheon
antae	<i>parados</i>
antagonist	parapet
architrave	pediment
black-figure	peristyle
cella	platform
colonnades	pre-Socratics
column	pronaos
comedy	proscenium
<i>contrapposto</i>	protagonist
Corinthian order	psyche
cyclopean masonry	red-figure
dialectic method	repoussé
Doric order	satyr play
elevation	scientific method
enclonus	skene
entablature	Sophists
entasis	stylobate
expressionism	syllogism
farce	symposium
feudal	tetralogies
Golden Mean	tetralogy
humanism	

idealism  
inductive reasoning  
Ionic order  
*kouros*  
*krater*

tragedy  
triglyphs

### **Class Discussion Topics and Questions**

Discussion Topic: Discuss the period known as The Golden Age. Consider the unique qualities and contributions of this period, with a focus on Pericles, the polis, and the emergence of democracy.

Question: While exploring the period known as The Golden Age, focus on what characteristics are particular to this period historically, politically, and artistically. What new conventions of government and society emerged, and how might these ideas translate into the modern era?

Question: With a focus on the stability of the polis and the success of democracy, how did the creative arts of architecture, philosophy, and drama manifest these new social conditions?

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