

Family Project

History through Minecraft: What ancient buildings can you create on Minecraft?

The challenge:

Research some ancient civilisations and some of the greatest buildings they created. Then, try to build it in Minecraft as accurately as you can. This is not easy to do with the limitations of Minecraft. Good luck!

History Skills:

- Research an ancient civilisation and find out as much about them as possible – this will make your building more accurate!
- Find out about your chosen building, including what it would have looked like when it was originally built.
- Research the Seven Wonders of the World. How many could you make?
- Create a timeline of your chosen civilisation

English Skills:

- Write a step-by-step guide of how to make an ancient building on Minecraft including pictures.
- Write an adventure story set in your ancient Minecraft world.
- When you have finished, write an evaluation of how it went. What was easy to do and what did you find hard?
- Keep a daily journal of your buildings exploits. Some of them can take days!

Building Ideas

Ancient Greece

Parthenon
Mausoleum of Halicarnassus
Lighthouse of Alexandria

Ancient Rome

Coliseum
Pantheon
Circus Maximus

Ancient Egypt

Pyramids of Giza
Great Sphinx of Giza
Karnak Temple

Ancient Americas

El Castillo, Chichen Itza
Machu Picchu
Temple Mayor, Tenochtitlan

Maths skills

- Build your model to scale by looking at the original measurements.
- Create buildings involving different 3D shapes. Could you make a dome on Minecraft?
- Investigate which parts of your building are symmetrical and use it to make your build easier.

Art/Design Skills

- Draw a detailed plan of your ancient building before you make it.
- Try to make use of accurate materials for your building.
- Draw a painting of your ancient building and compare it to your Minecraft version.

