

Timeline of the Wonders of the World

Chronological Copywork

c. 2600 B.C.-c. 2500 B.C.: The three pyramids of Egypt at Giza are built as tombs for kings Khufu, Kafre, and Menkaure

c. 1500 B.C.: The final phase of Stonehenge is completed on the Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, England

c. 605 B.C.: It is thought King Nebuchadnezzar II begins building the Hanging Gardens of Babylon about this time, but it is not certain

c. 550 B.C.: The Temple of Artemis is built by Croesus, king of Lydia, in Ephesus, Turkey

c. 447 B.C.: The Acropolis of Athens, Greece, houses the Parthenon and is begun during the time of Pericles

c. 430 B.C.: The Statue of Zeus is sculpted by Phidias in Olympia, Greece, and will stand for more than 800 years

c. 400s B.C.: Nabataeans come to power in Petra and develop the city into a major trading center; leave behind massive buildings carved into rock

c. 353 B.C.: The Mausoleum of Halicarnassus is designed by Greek architects Pythius and Satyros as the tomb of Mausolus, ruler of Caria

c. 294 B.C.: Construction begins on the Colossus of Rhodes by Chares of Lyndus; will take about twelve years to complete

c. 280 B.C.: The Lighthouse of Alexandria is built on the island of Pharos in the harbor of Alexandria, Egypt

c. A.D. 70: Construction begins on the Flavian Amphitheatre, also known as the Colosseum

A.D. 79: Mount Vesuvius erupts and buries the city of Pompeii, preserving the city

c. A.D. 300s: Camels are becoming more common in the Sahara as traders use them to transport goods

c. A.D. 435: The ancient Mayan city of Chichén Itzá is founded

c. A.D. 500: Teotihuacan is at its peak and is one of the largest cities in the world

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