

Make a Sargon Mask

(Week 3)

Materials: Plain paper mache mask from a craft store; cardstock; air-dry clay; brown paint.

Directions:

1. Your cardstock will become Sargon's beard. Fold your cardstock in half, then cut the closed edge into a V shape like bottom of Sargon's beard (see picture). Use staples or glue to attach your cardstock beard to the bottom of your paper mache mask.
2. Mold air-dry clay over both mask and beard until your mask looks like the picture of Sargon.
3. When your clay is dry, paint it brown to make it look like it's made of bronze.



Paint a Mesopotamian Plate

(Week 5)



Materials: Plain ceramic plate from a craft store; acrylic paint; spray acrylic sealer; pictures of Mesopotamian pottery designs from the internet.

Directions: Find a geometric Mesopotamian plate design that you like and use acrylic paints to copy that design onto your own plate. After the paint dries, coat your entire plate with acrylic sealer. In order to make your finished plate smooth and shiny, you may need to apply several coats of sealer.



Make a Code of Hammurabi Stele

(Week 5)

Materials: Large piece of cardboard; black spray paint; white chalk.

Directions:

1. Cut your piece of cardboard into the shape of the Code of Hammurabi Stele at right.
2. Spray paint your entire piece of cardboard black and allow it time to dry.
3. Use chalk to draw a picture of Hammurabi giving the law to his people at the top of your stele.
4. Write a law code in chalk beneath your picture of Hammurabi. You can either copy laws from the Code of Hammurabi or make up laws of your own.

