

DigiPen Institute of Technology
ART310: Architectural Spaces, and Design

Discussion Sheet; Individual

Egyptian, Ancient Near Eastern, and Pre-Columbian Architecture

Monday, September 14th :

King Tut's Tomb OR The Sphinx

Great Pyramids of Giza

Library OR Lighthouse at Alexandria

Pyramid of the Sun at Teotihuacan

Machu Picchu

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King Tut's Tomb OR The Sphinx

Summary: There are three passages into or under the Sphinx, the "Tomb of Osiris" is one of the most incredible discoveries linked to the Sphinx, located 95 feet below the surface behind the back of the Sphinx. It is believed to be the resting place of Egyptian God Osiris.

The Great Pyramids of Giza

Summary: The Great Pyramid at Giza is the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Library OR Lighthouse at Alexandria

Summary: The lowest level of the lighthouse was 100 feet square and 240 feet high. The second level had eight sides and was about 115 feet tall. The third level was a 60 foot high cylinder that had an opening at the top to allow a space where the fire burned to light the way for sailors in the night. On top of this was a statue in honor of Poseidon, the god of the sea.

Pyramid of the Sun at Teotihuacan

Summary: The Sun pyramid at Teotihuacan and the Great Pyramid at Giza have the same base of 750 feet square, but the Sun pyramid is exactly half as tall.

Machu Picchu

Summary: An estimated 60 percent of Machu Picchu construction was done underground.
