

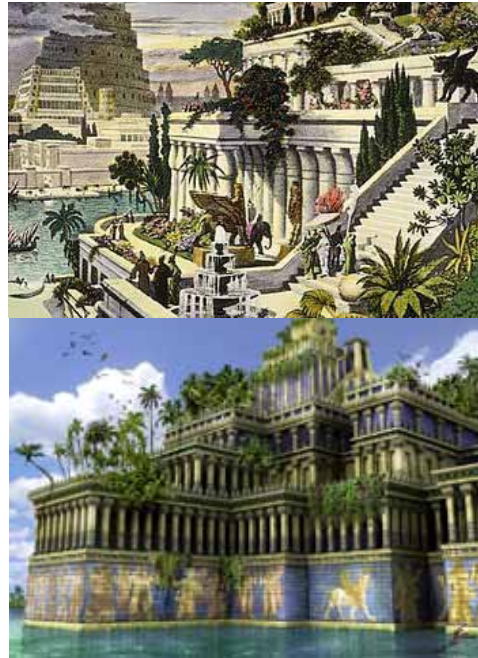
Hanginɡ Gardens of Babylon

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

Have you ever had trouble coming up with a good gift for your friends or siblings? King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had this problem all the time. As king of his own continent, his family and friends already had almost everything they ever could have wanted. However, when his own wife started to feel homesick, Nebuchadnezzar knew he needed to think of an extra special gift to cheer her up. The result of his brainstorming? One of the seven wonders of the world.



The Hanging Gardens of Babylon covered the magnificent city with lush greenery, bright flowers, and a seemingly endless array of fountains, gold statues and marble columns. Nebuchadnezzar's wife had been homesick for the natural and wild surroundings of the country she was born in, so Nebuchadnezzar simply brought all of that to Babylon. Greek historian Diodorus claimed the gardens were 400 feet wide, 400 feet long, and over 80 feet tall—a manmade mountain of wildlife hiding an entire city.



Why did Nebuchadnezzar build his homesick wife gardens instead of buying her something simpler like a horse or a fancy house?

Think about the people in your life you care about. If you were king of a place like Babylon, with access to piles and piles of gold and other precious metals, what kind of gifts would you buy your friends and family?



RECREATE THE HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON BASED ON THE DESCRIPTIONS YOU FOUND IN THE READING:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border and small square corner markers, intended for a drawing or response.