

# Temple of Artemis

## **SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD**

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In Ancient Greece, Artemis was a goddess you wanted as a friend. The daughter of Zeus, she was worshipped as the goddess of the hunt and of childbirth. For struggling Greek peasants, Artemis was therefore essential—she was basically in charge of putting food on the table and of bringing children into the world.



Built in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, the Temple of Artemis was a gleaming and glistening structure of white marble. The Greek poet Antipater of Sidon claimed that only Olympus, the home of the gods, was more beautiful than the temple. Ancient Greeks traveled from all across the European continent to visit and pay homage, or respect, to Artemis. They would often leave jewelry or money as a gift for the goddess.

Unfortunately, the Temple of Artemis has had some bad luck since its construction. Destroyed throughout the centuries by flood and fire, only the foundation remains.



*Destruction seems to be a common theme among the Seven Wonders of the World.  
We're lucky that even the foundation remains from the Temple of Artemis.*

Imagine you have just been put in charge of the wonders of the world preservation team. What would you do to make sure some of our greatest manmade structures don't suffer the same fate as their ancient counterparts? Remember to consider the destructive power of fires, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis.

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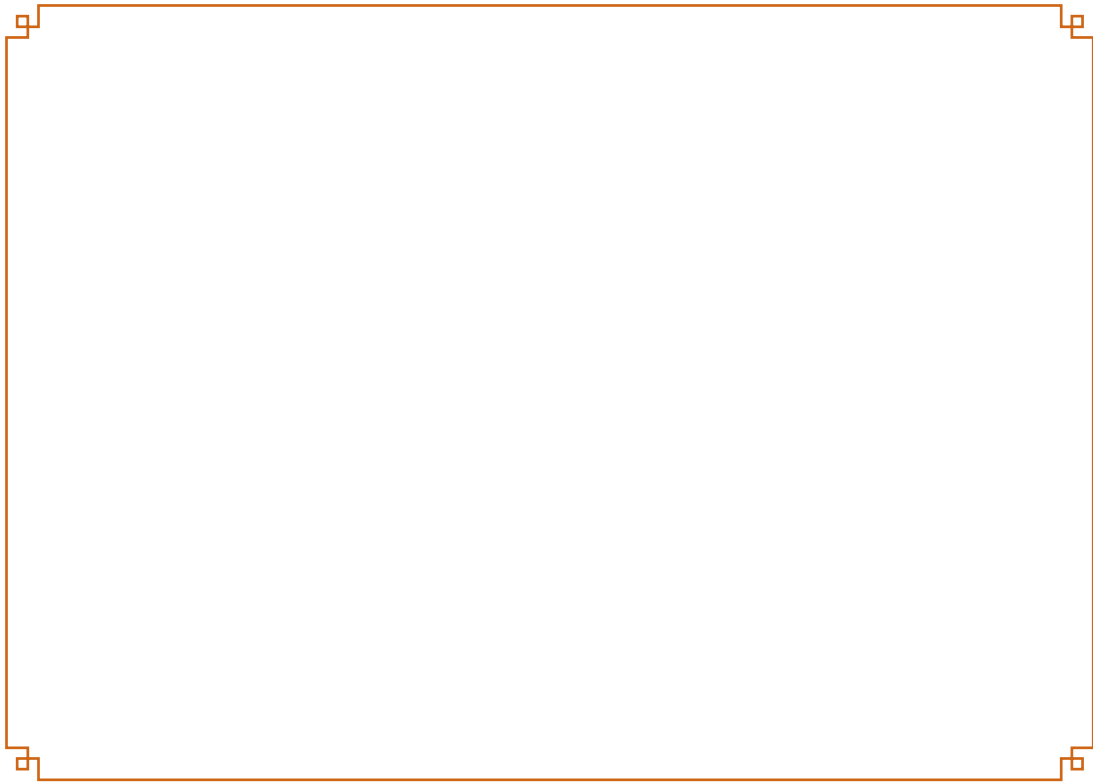
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**MATCH THE CORRECT ANSWER:**

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| the father of Artemis                  | • | • BC      |
| home of the Greek gods                 | • | • Zeus    |
| goddess of the hunt and of childbirth  | • | • Olympus |
| english abbreviation for Before Christ | • | • Artemis |

**IF YOU COULD REBUILD ARTEMIS' TEMPLE,  
WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE?**



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**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Temple of Artemis is located in Ephesus—the largest city in Asia Minor, which is modern-day Turkey. It was a Greek port and known as a city of magic.

Answer: Zeus, Olympus, Artemis, BC