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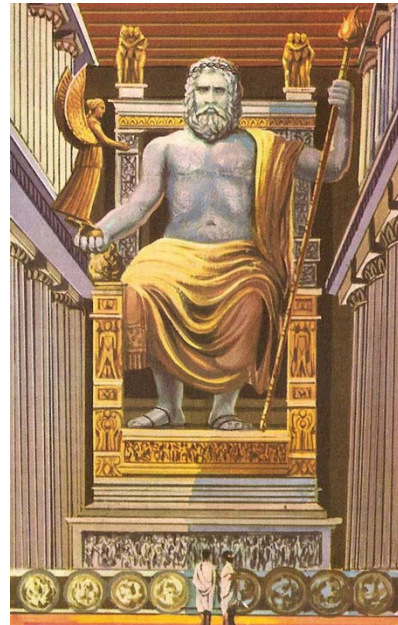


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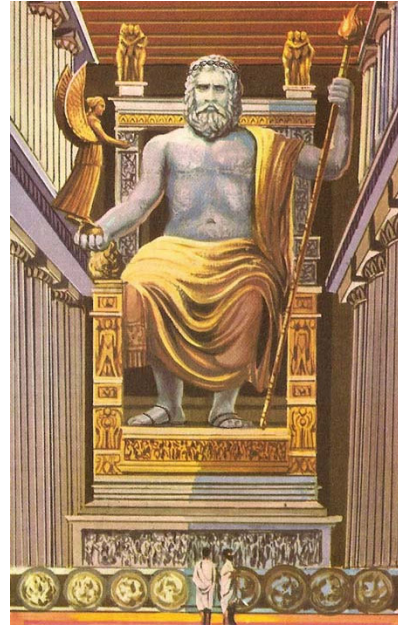
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<p>The <b>Colossus of Rhodes</b> was a statue of the Greek god Helios, built on the Greek island of Rhodes between 292 and 280 BC. It stood over 107 ft (30 m) high, making it one of the tallest statues of the ancient world. Made of iron and brass atop a marble pedestal, it was destroyed in an earthquake in 226 BC.</p>	<p>The <b>Hanging Gardens of Babylon</b> were built in the ancient city-state of Babylon, near present-day Al Hillah, Babil, in Iraq. The gardens were built by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar II around 600 BC. He constructed the gardens for his wife, who longed for the trees and plants of her homeland.</p>
<p>The <b>Mausoleum at Halicarnassus</b> was a tomb built between 353 and 350 BC at Halicarnassus (now Bodrum, Turkey) for Mausolus, a satrap (governor) in the Persian Empire, and his wife Artemisia II of Caria. The structure was designed by Greek architects. It was decorated with statues of people and animals.</p>	<p>The <b>Statue of Zeus at Olympia</b> was made by the Greek sculptor Phidias, circa 432 BC on the site where it was erected in the Temple of Zeus, Olympia, Greece. It was made of ivory and gold-covered bronze. None of it remains, although its image can be found on Greek coins from that time.</p>
<p>The <b>Great Pyramid of Giza</b> is the oldest and largest of the three pyramids near El Giza, Egypt. The oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, it's the only one still in existence. It was built as a tomb for fourth dynasty Egyptian Pharaoh Khufu. It was the tallest structure in the world for almost 4000 years.</p>	<p>The <b>Temple of Artemis</b> was a Greek temple dedicated to a goddess Greeks identified as Artemis. It was situated at Ephesus (in present-day Turkey), and was completely rebuilt three times before its eventual destruction in 401. Only the foundation and some fragments of the building remain.</p>
<p>The <b>Lighthouse of Alexandria</b> was built between 280 and 247 BC on an island near Alexandria, Egypt. It guided boats into the Alexandria harbor. For centuries it was the tallest structure on Earth. An earthquake may have caused it to fall into the sea. It can be viewed today on the ocean floor off the Egyptian coast.</p>	<p>The <b>Seven Wonders of the Ancient World</b> are a collection of landmarks, including buildings and statues, that became famous for their size and the skill required to build them. They were amazing feats of art and architecture. Greek travelers in the 1st and 2nd century BC wrote of these wonders in guidebooks.</p>

Instructions: Print on cardstock, laminate, and cut cards apart.

Notes: The definitions included with this set are definitely just starting points. Any child who is interested in learning more about these landmarks can research them using the internet (with a child-safe filter) or at the library.

Since only the Great Pyramid exists today, quite naturally the pictures of the other landmarks are paintings or drawings. Artists' ideas differ, so a child might want to research one of these landmarks further and look at other representations of it.

Since the Great Pyramid (intentionally only one of the three at Giza; the others were built later) is still around, it is represented with a photograph instead of a painting. Since it is still in existence, there are far fewer paintings of it.

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