

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand the history and significance of the Assyrian Empire.

Materials and Prep

- Internet access
- Notebook and pen

No prior knowledge is required for this lesson.

Activities

1. Research: Use the internet to gather information about the Assyrian Empire. Find out about its origins, major achievements, and downfall. Take notes on important facts and events.
2. Create a Timeline: Based on your research, create a timeline of key events in the history of the Assyrian Empire. Include dates, descriptions, and illustrations if desired.
3. Map Exploration: Locate the ancient region where the Assyrian Empire was located on a map. Identify the modern-day countries that overlap with this region. Compare the size and extent of the empire to neighboring civilizations.
4. Assyrian Artifacts: Find images or descriptions of Assyrian artifacts such as sculptures, reliefs, or artifacts from their palaces. Analyze and discuss the significance of these artifacts in understanding the culture and achievements of the Assyrian Empire.
5. Discussion: Reflect on the rise and fall of the Assyrian Empire. What factors contributed to its success and eventual decline? Share your thoughts and insights with a family member or friend.

Seventh Grade Talking Points

- "The Assyrian Empire was one of the most powerful civilizations in ancient history."
- "It originated in the region of Mesopotamia, which is present-day Iraq, Syria, and Turkey."
- "The Assyrians were known for their military prowess and advanced warfare strategies."
- "They built a vast empire through conquest and ruled over a diverse population."
- "The Assyrians developed a highly organized government, with a king at the top and a well-defined social hierarchy."
- "They constructed magnificent palaces and cities, showcasing their architectural and artistic skills."
- "Despite their power, the Assyrian Empire faced internal conflicts and external invasions, leading to its eventual downfall."
- "The fall of the Assyrian Empire marked the end of an era and paved the way for the rise of other ancient civilizations."