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Lesson 3: The Royal Game of Ur

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Essential Question

What type of game is the Royal Game of Ur?

The History and Discovery of Ur

The *Royal Game of Ur* refers to two game boards found in the Royal Tombs of Ur by Sir Leonard Woolley in the 1920s. The two boards date from the **First Dynasty of Ur**, before 2600 BC, making the Royal Game of Ur possibly the oldest board game ever found. One of the two boards is exhibited in the collections of the **British Museum** in London.



Build Your Own Game

The board and playing pieces for the Royal Game of Ur can be made from paper or cardboard.



Description

Students consider the game design of Ur.

Lesson Specific College and Career Readiness Standards addressed for your state can be found [here](#).

Materials

Basic art supplies such as colored pencils, heavy paper, and scissors.

Notes/Lesson Plan

The game board is a project-based activity. Though the activity can be accomplished individually, a team approach is encouraged.

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The Royal Game of Ur

Description

Make the game of Ur using the instructions and template found in the lesson. Include art found on the ancient game board.

Instructor Note

Use the Game Board Rubric to assess student work.

Depth of Knowledge Applied:

- Level 3: Strategic Thinking / Complex Reasoning

Question 1:

Upload a photo of your game board here.

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Thinking about Ur

Description

What do you find most interesting about the game of Ur?

Instructor Note

Use the Discussion Rubric to assess student responses.

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Answer:

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