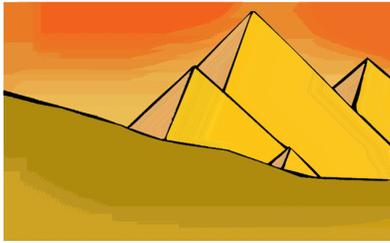


Legend says ... The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were built by King Nebuchadnezzar so that the queen, his wife, would have a lovely, private, terraced garden to enjoy.

The gardens were rumored to be about 400 feet wide, 400 feet long, and over 80 feet high. Some historians believe the gardens were built in a series of platforms that all together were 320 feet high. There were paths and steps and fountains and gorgeous flowers, all built to make a homesick queen feel welcomed and loved.

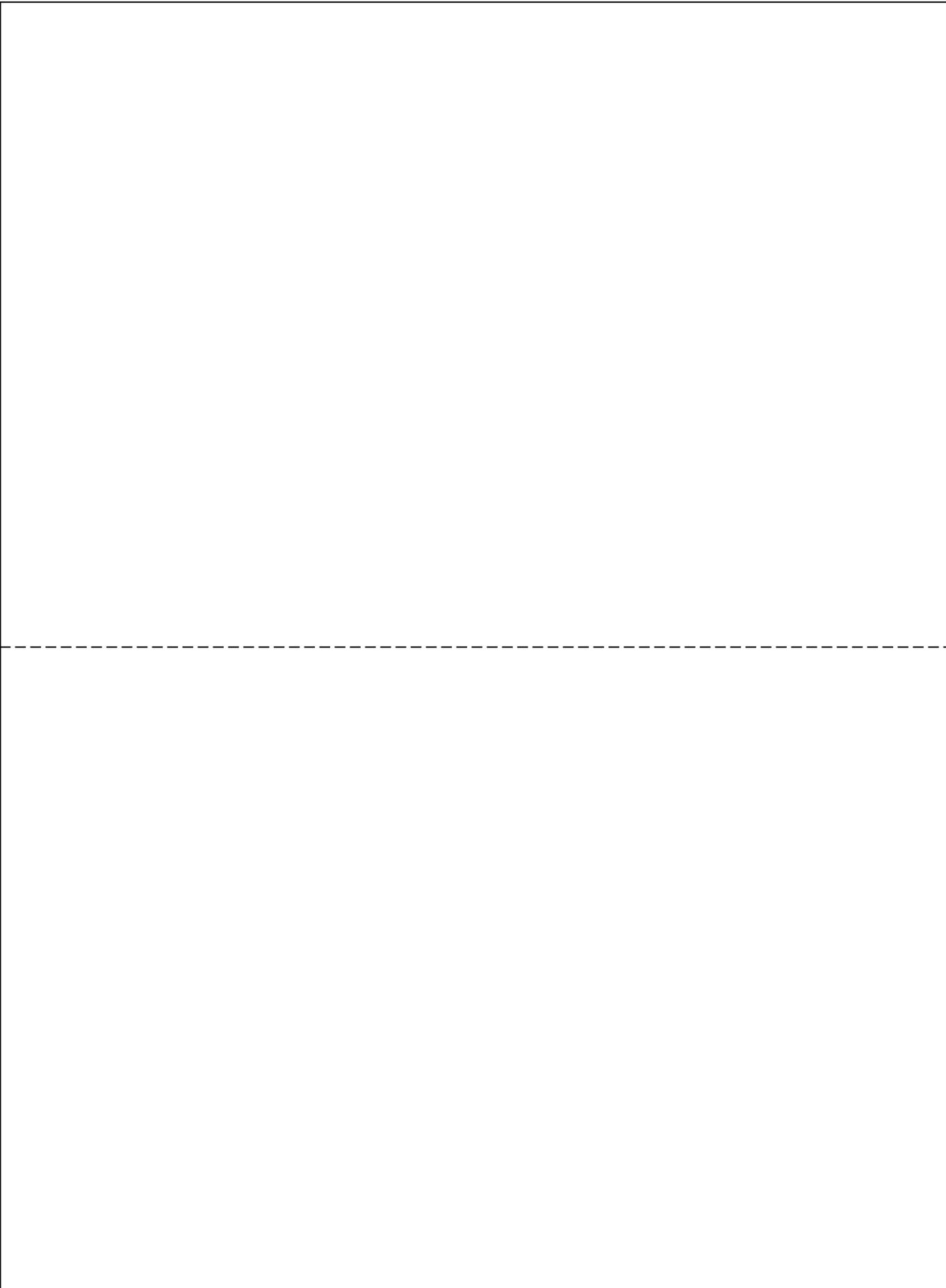
It was supposedly built around 600 BCE, along the bank of the Euphrates River (south of the modern day city of Baghdad, Iraq.)



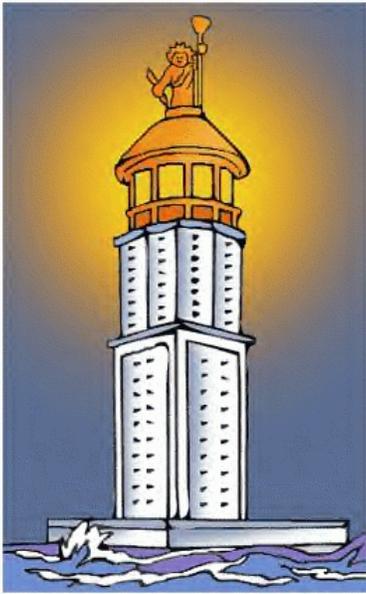
The Great Pyramid of Giza is about 4,500 years old, and is the only ancient wonder still standing. Until the early 1800's, the Great Pyramid at Giza was the tallest building in the world!

The Great pyramid is nearly 800 feet long, 450 feet high, and built with over two million of blocks of stone.

The average weight of each stone is about 2,500 pounds - around the same weight as a car!



Cut out each shape (cut along the dark black lines; do not cut any dotted lines). Fold each book in half on the dotted line (three small books and one large book). Glue the back sides of the small books into the inside of your large book. Cut out the title page and glue to the outside of the large book. Below it title it by hand "Wonders of the Ancient World". Glue the large book into your lapbook. Title the outside of each small book by hand according to the name of the ancient wonder. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, The Great Pyramid of Giza and The Lighthouse of Pharos.



The Lighthouse was built on the Island of Pharos in the harbor of Alexandria, Egypt. It was built around 290 BCE. It was a working lighthouse that helped ships find their way safely into harbor. It was also a tourist attraction.

Visitors could buy food at the observation platform on the first level. Anyone who wished to do could climb nearly to the top. There were not many places in the ancient world that visitors could climb a man-made structure, 300 feet up, to view the sea.

The Lighthouse stood for over 1500 years. Scientists believe an earthquake topped the Lighthouse during the 1300's. Divers today search for remains at the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea.

Alexander the Great

Chapter 25