

GENIES AND KINGS FROM ANCIENT ASSYRIA




gallery quiz!

(Gallery 23 and main entrance staircase)

Find the objects, look carefully and write down what you find.

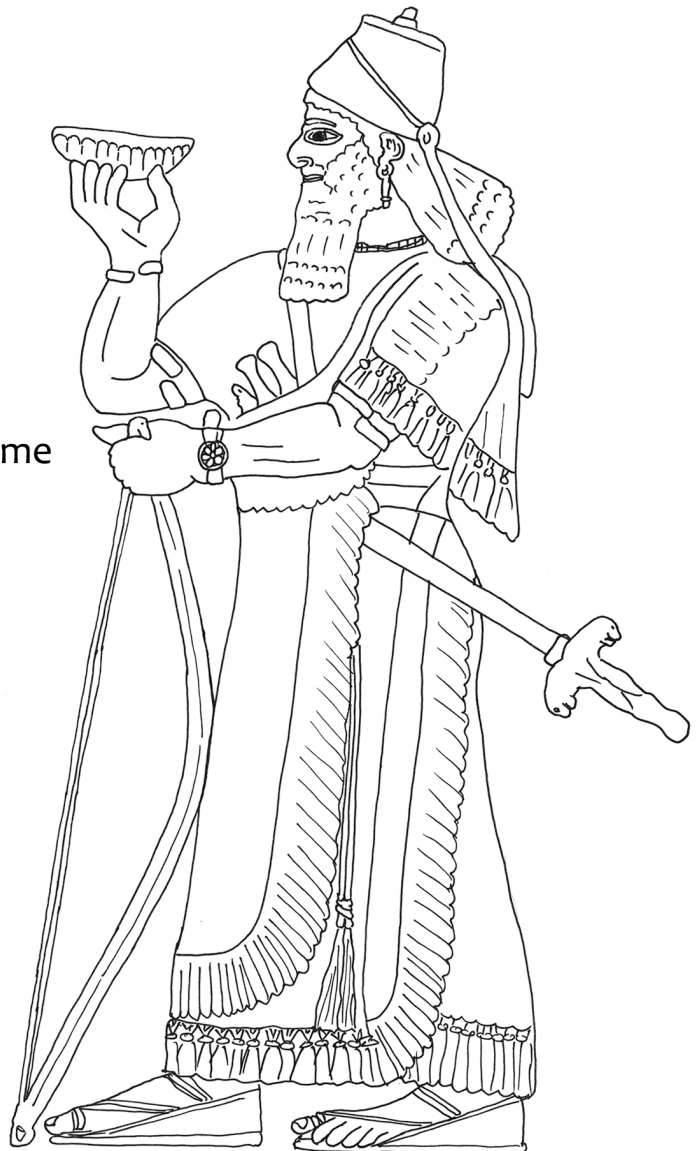
1. The Assyrian king

Can you find the large stone carving of the Assyrian king  of the Assyrian king?

The Assyrian king was the powerful ruler of a mighty empire.

This king isn't wearing a crown, but his costume tells us he is a wealthy and powerful king.

What is he wearing and holding?



Something is missing from the king's picture above.

Look closely at the stone panel. What is carved across the middle of the king?

2. Letters written on clay!

Assyrians didn't write their letters using pen and paper like us. They wrote on clay tablets using a reed.

Hunt down the clay tablets covered in writing. 
These are 3000-year-old Assyrian letters.



Draw some of the different shapes of clay tablets:

Tick when you've spotted:

The smallest tablets in the case. One of these tiny tablets (number 42K, shown above) is a receipt for a chicken from 2054 BC!

An envelope made of clay

3. Winged genie wallpaper

Find the stone carvings showing winged genies with a bucket and a cone. 

These genies once decorated the walls of the king's palace. They are wallpaper made of stone!

Look closely at the genies. What do you think they are doing with their buckets and cones?



4. The king is confused!





Find the panel showing the Assyrian king's head. 

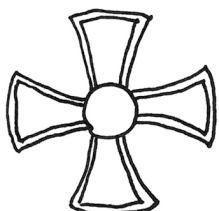
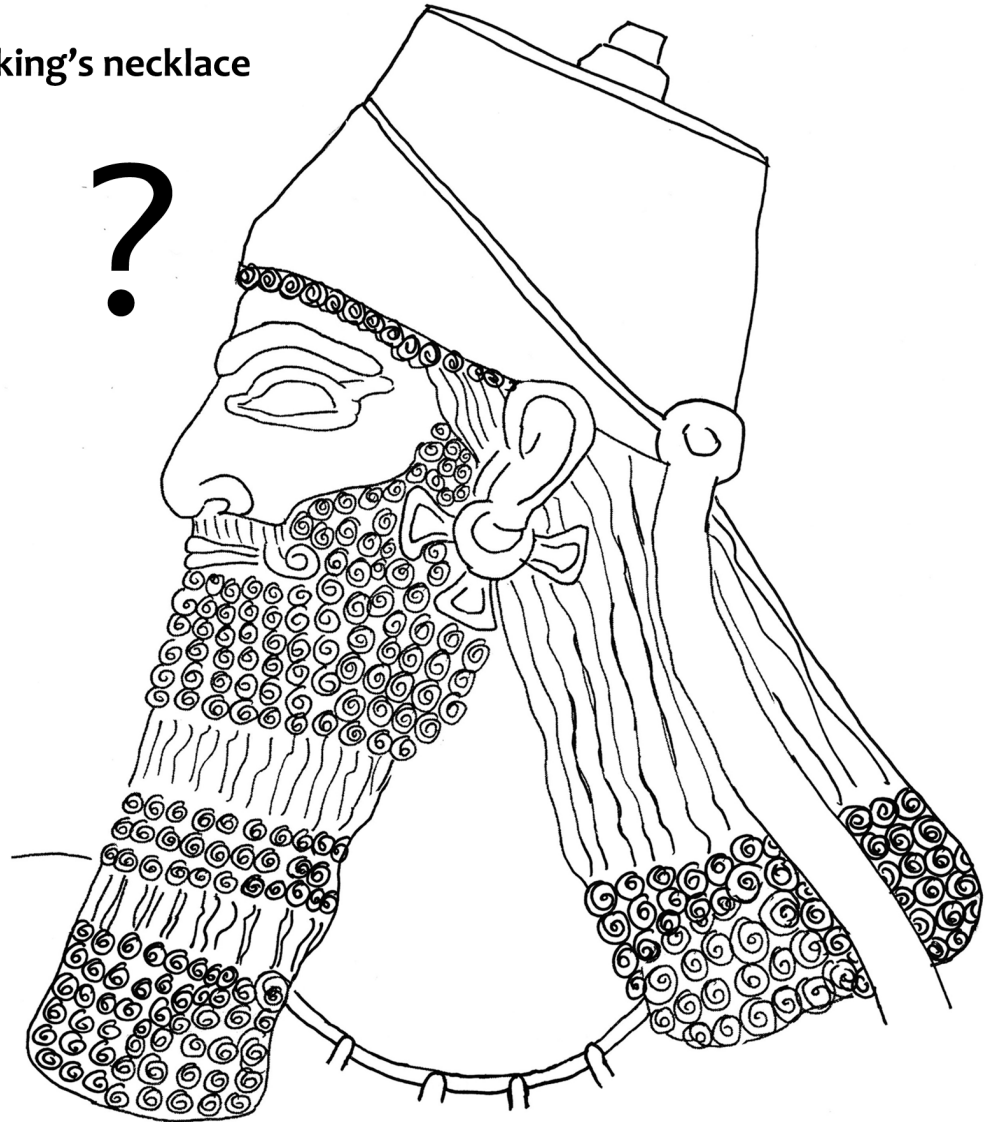
The king is confused! His necklace has broken and the shapes have fallen off.

Each shape stands for an Assyrian god or goddess. Can you help him put them back in the right order?




Draw the shapes onto the king's necklace

	horned cap for Assur, Assyria's national god
	crescent moon for Sîn, the moon god
	fork of lightning for Adad, the storm god
	star for Ishtar, goddess of love and war



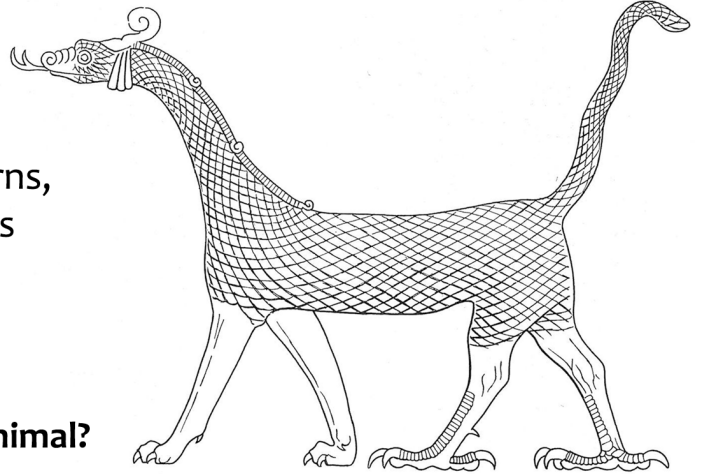
This cross shape stands for the sun god, Shamash. Where is the king wearing it?

5. Fantastic creatures

The Fitz's Assyrian genies are mixed-up creatures, with human bodies and bird-like wings or heads. 



Another Assyrian mixed-up animal is the snake-dragon, or “mushhushshu”. It has horns, a snake’s body, a lion’s front legs and a bird’s back legs.



Can you design your own fantastic mixed-up animal?

My mixed up animal is called a _____

Congratulations! You've completed the quiz! 😊