

MESOPOTAMIA

ZIGGURAT NOTES

What is a Ziggurat?

- A Ziggurat was a temple that every city in Mesopotamia had.
- The Ziggurat was the largest and most important building, and was located in the center of the city.
- The Ziggurat was where Mesopotamians went to worship their gods and goddesses.

What did Ziggurats look like?

- A Ziggurat was built on top of a mud brick platform.
- A Ziggurat ranged from three to seven stories high, and there were stairs and ramps to get to each level.
- As people climbed the steps of the Ziggurat, they felt they were getting closer to the gods.
- There were many storerooms in the temple where priests worked.
- A one-room shrine was located at the top, which looked like a crown.