



1. Cave Paintings

Four teenage boys accidentally discovered these cave paintings in the Lascaux Caves of Southern France. Some of the paintings are around 17,000 years old and show animals no longer found in this region.



2. Dead Sea Scrolls

These scrolls were discovered in caves near the Dead Sea and are over 2,000 years old. They preserve the writings of ancient prophets revered by Jewish and Christian communities all around the world.



3. Nefertiti

Egyptian queen Nefertiti (born 1370 BCE) is best known for shifting the focus of the Egyptian state religion from the worship of many gods to the primary worship of the sun god Aton. It is believed that she co-ruled with King Akhenaten.



4. Buddha

This 13th-century Japanese statue depicts Gautama Buddha (563—483 BCE), an Indian philosopher whose followers spread the major religion of Buddhism. The *svastika* seen on the statue's chest is an ancient, peaceful symbol of life in Buddhism, Hinduism, and other world religions.



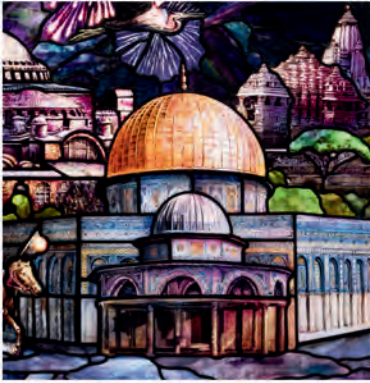
5. Plato and Aristotle

These two ancient Greek philosophers helped shape the views of the Western World. Plato (428—347 BCE) points upward to communicate his idealistic beliefs, while Aristotle (384 - 322 BCE) holds his palm downward to communicate his realistic or practical beliefs.



6. Izapa Stela

This stone carving from Mesoamerica, dated between 300 and 50 BCE, depicts a creation story, with people, plants, and animals connecting the sky, earth, and water. This is possibly a version of the tree of life story told in many cultures around the world.



7. *Dome of the Rock*

The Dome of the Rock is a 7th-century shrine crowning the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Muslims believe this shrine to be where the prophet Muhammad was taken up to heaven to meet with God.



8. *Viking Ship*

A wooden vessel just like this one was used by the Norsemen during the Viking Age (793—1066). This Viking ship was used for trade, conquest, and exploration of shallow rivers and high seas.



9. *Hot Air Balloon*

The Montgolfier brothers, two early pioneers of aviation, invented the first hot air balloon in 1783 during the French Enlightenment. The passengers of the first flight included a sheep, a duck, and a rooster who, to the surprise of all, returned home safely.



10. *Dinosaur Sculpture*

The Iguanodon statue, one of the many statues crafted by artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, was displayed in the Crystal Palace in 1851 as an early depiction of dinosaurs. Hawkins's statues brought greater attention and support to the study of dinosaurs and other extinct animals.



11. *Louis Armstrong*

Louis Armstrong, one of the founding fathers of jazz, began making records on his own in 1925. Armstrong, also known as "Satchmo," is recognized worldwide as a founding father of jazz. He also acted in dozens of films and wrote prolifically. His music is still widely recognized decades after his death, and his legacy lives on in contemporary music.



12. *Television Set*

Since its invention in 1927, television has changed the world in many ways, allowing people to connect through movies and TV shows. This model—a Kuba Koment console TV—was made in 1957 and shows the educational program *Sesame Street*.