

Building Blocks of History

Try It Out

Build replicas of some of the greatest structural marvels of ancient history.

Please put the blocks back when you are done.

The Great Pyramid of Giza, Egypt



Great Pyramid of Giza (Image: Nina Aldin Thune)

- Construction completed around 4,500 years ago
- Building blocks weighed 2,500 to 100,000 pounds
- Built as a tomb for the Egyptian Pharaoh Khufu



Stonehenge, England



Above: Stonehenge today

Below: possible original appearance

(Images: english-heritage.org.uk, thetimes.co.uk)

- Construction completed around 4,000 years ago
- Building blocks weighed around 50,000 pounds
- Possibly built as a burial ground



Wonder While You Walk...

Without any heavy industrial machinery, how did the builders of these giant structures transport, lift, and arrange the extremely heavy blocks?



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