

The New Seven Wonders of the World

The New Seven Wonders of the World was a project that sought to revive the concept of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. The goal was to replace the ancient wonders with more modern ones if appropriate. A private foundation named New7 Wonders Foundation conducted a poll to determine what the seven wonders should be. The winners of the poll were announced in Lisbon, Portugal, on July 7, 2007. The New Seven Wonders of the World are:

- Chichen Itza
- Christ the Redeemer
- The Roman Coliseum
- The Great Wall of China
- Machu Picchu
- Petra
- The Taj Mahal

Chichen Itza is located on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. This site was built by the Maya civilization. Chichen Itza is a village and temple complex. The architecture of Chichen Itza includes platforms, wells, plazas, pyramids, and an astronomical observatory.

Christ the Redeemer is a statue of Jesus Christ. This statue is located in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. Including the pedestal, the statue is 98 feet wide and 120 feet tall. Made of soapstone and reinforced concrete, the statue weighs 635 tons, and is one of the tallest statues of its kind in the world. This statue is located at the top of the Corcovado Mountain.

The Roman Coliseum is also considered one of the Wonders of the Middle Ages. The Roman Coliseum is an amphitheatre. An amphitheatre is an open-air venue for sports or other performances. The Roman Coliseum is located at the center of Rome, Italy. It was the largest amphitheatre ever built in the Roman Empire.

The Great Wall of China was built between the 5th and 16th centuries BCE. This wall was designed to protect the northern border from attacks. The Great Wall is over 4,000 miles long. The Great Wall of China also has the distinction of being one of the Wonders of the Middle Ages as well.

Machu Picchu is an Incan site that is located in the Urubamba Valley in Peru. Machu Picchu sits on a mountain ridge, and the Incas originally began building it in 1430 CE. Machu Picchu is sometimes called “the Lost City of the Incas.” Built in classical Incan style, Machu Picchu has polished dry-stone walls.

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Petra is located in Jordan. It is a city that is often described as a rose-red city because of the red hue of dirt and rock that make up the city.

The Taj Mahal is a mausoleum. A mausoleum is a building that is constructed as a burial chamber for a deceased person (or persons). The Taj Mahal was built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. He built it in memory of Mumtaz Mahal, his favorite wife. The Taj Mahal is located in Agra, India.

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Worksheet

Multiple Choice:

1. Chichen Itza is located in:

- a. India
- b. China
- c. Mexico
- d. Jordan

2. Machu Picchu is an _____ site that is located in the Urubamba Valley in Peru:

- a. Incan
- b. Mayan
- c. Indian
- d. Chinese

Fill In:

3. The New Seven Wonders of the World was a project that sought to revive the concept of the _____.

4. The Great Wall of China, which was built between the 5th and 16th centuries BCE, was designed to protect the _____ border from attacks.

5. _____ is a city that is often described as a rose-red city because of the red hue of dirt and rock that make up the city.

6. An _____ is an open-air venue for sports or other performances.

7. A _____ is a building that is constructed as a burial chamber for a deceased person (or persons).

8. _____ is a statue of Jesus Christ and is located in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

Matching:

_____ 9. The Roman Coliseum

a. the Lost City of the Incas

_____ 10. Christ the Redeemer

b. one of the Wonders of the Middle Ages

_____ 11. Machu Picchu

c. Located at the top of the Corcovado Mountain.

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Worksheet - Answer Key

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