

Project glossary

ancient Sumer

The first civilisation in the world that existed in Mesopotamia, modern-day Iraq, from c4500 BC until c1900 BC.

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armature

A framework that something such as a sculpture is built onto.

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cast

To shape a substance by adding it to a mould and leaving it to harden.

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figure drawing

A drawing of the human form in any posture using any drawing media.

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figurine

A small model of a human, usually made from clay or porcelain.

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form

The 3-D aspect of a piece of artwork.

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porcelain

A hard, white ceramic made partly from clay.

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pose

The way a person sits or stands when they are going to be drawn, painted or photographed.

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score

To make a cut or mark on the surface of something with a pointed tool.

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slip

A runny mixture of clay and water used to join pieces of clay together.

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statue

A three-dimensional representation of a person, animal or mythical being, usually made from stone or metal.

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statuette

A very small statue.

