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Sumerian Art

Time: ~4500 – 1750 B.C.E.

Place: Mesopotamia

Key Points:

- First civilization
- Sumerians had many inventions include wheel, writing, and more
- First written language = cuneiform
- Theocracy, ruler was God and leader was God's representative on earth
- City-states

Artistic Conventions:

- Hierarchical scale
- Stylized and geometric forms
- Manipulated and exaggerated proportions and features

Architecture:

- Ziggurat = stepped temple
- Creates a connection between heaven and earth
- Winding pattern of steps slows you down and prepares you for god
- Reflects important role of religion in people's lives

Key Works:



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**The Standard
of Ur,** about
2600-2400 BC



Ziggurat of Ur,
Reconstruction
based on the 1939
reconstruction by
C. Leonard Woolley

