

Key Vocabulary

Knowledge Organiser for

# Ancient Art Clay Sculptures

Word	Meaning
clay	Moist sticky earth.
modelling	Working clay into a shape or form.
scoring	Cutting or scratching the surface of clay.
pinching	Squeezing between the thumb and finger.
coiling	Fixing rings of clay on top of each other.
kneading	Squeezing or pressing together using the hands and fingers.
abstract	Art that does not attempt to represent reality.
carving	Using tools to scrape away some of the material.

**FUN FACT:**

Pottery is one of the oldest human inventions .

**Learning Outcomes**

- Make different kinds of shapes.
- Add texture by using tools.
- Cut, roll and coil materials such as clay.
- They describe what they can see and like in the work of another artist.
- They ask sensible questions about a piece of art .

**Knowledge**

Ancient art was produced by civilisations between 3500 BCE and 300 CE. Ancient art techniques continue to influence the artwork produced even today.

Ancient civilisations used art in many ways, to tell stories, to celebrate gods and goddesses and to trade pieces of art work for foods and other items.

**Artist spotlights: The Mesopotamians**

Mesopotamia was located mostly where Iraq is now in the Middle East. Mesopotamia artists did most of their work by producing pottery.



This photo is the **Babylonian Kudurru**.

It is a stone sculpture which shows a record of land that had been given to a person by the government. It has been made by black limestone and shows a Babylonian King holding a bow and two arrows as a symbol of victory.



**Artist Spotlight**

**Barbara Hepworth 1903-1975**

She was an English artist and sculptor.



She is most famous for her abstract sculptures. Hepworth designed large sculptures to be exhibited outdoors. She made some of her sculptures by carving into wood and stone.

**Techniques**



Rolling a ball of clay



Rolling snakes with clay



Squeezing the clay



Pulling and pinching the clay with your fingers



Carving details into the clay with tools



Smoothing out the clay with your fingers



Creating holes or hollows in the clay with tools



Joining pieces of clay together

**Modelling tools**



**Rolling pin**



**Useful links**

[Art: Let's Sculpt KS1 Unit Pack \(teacher made\) \(twinkl.co.uk\)](#)

[Art and Design KS1 / KS2: Making sculptures from dry materials and clay - BBC Teach](#)