Early Civilisations

Learning Objective:

To explore the technology and inventions of early civilisations.

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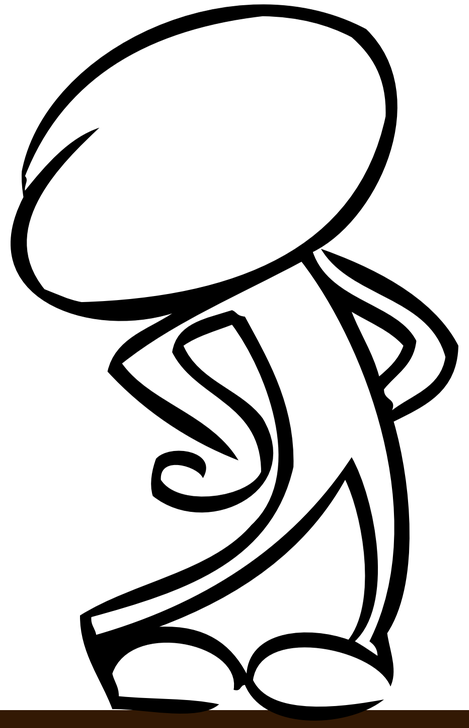

What does this word mean?

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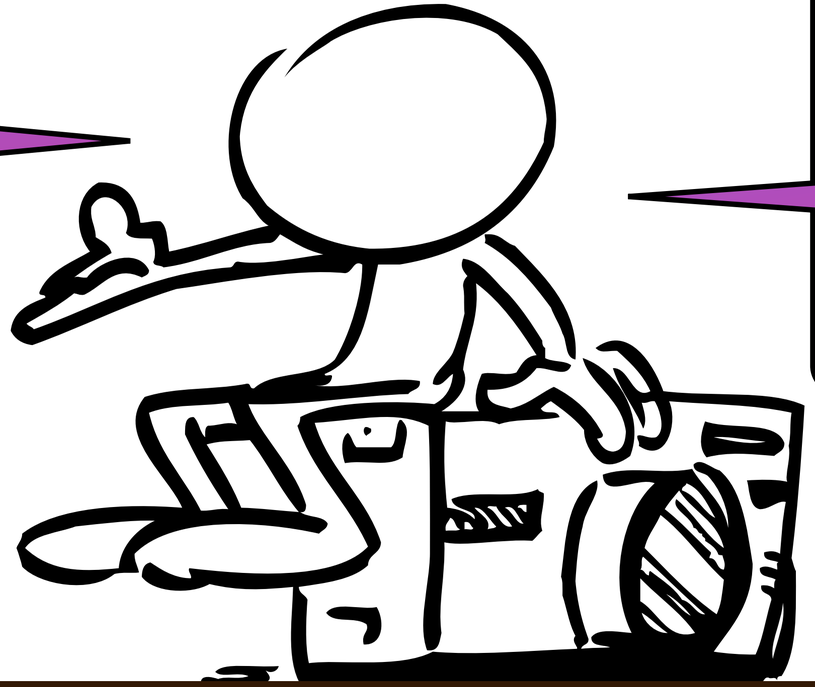
Technology means using what you know about science and how the world works for practical purposes. This can be anything from using a handle to open a door to making a robot.

What sort of technology do you think early civilisations had?



What technologies do you think they didn't know about yet?

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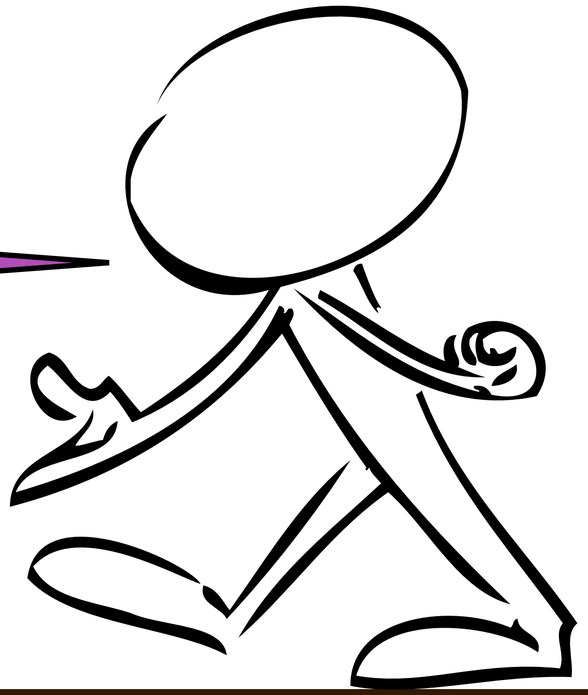
One of the earliest technologies in the world was the wheel. The ancient Sumerians invented the wheel around the year 4000 BC. It was first used as a potter's wheel so it was easier to make clay pots. Historians think that the potter's wheel was then put on its side to make carts.

The earliest wheels would have been made out of lumps of solid wood, like this reconstruction.



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This picture shows a Sumerian king travelling by chariot around the year 2500 BC.

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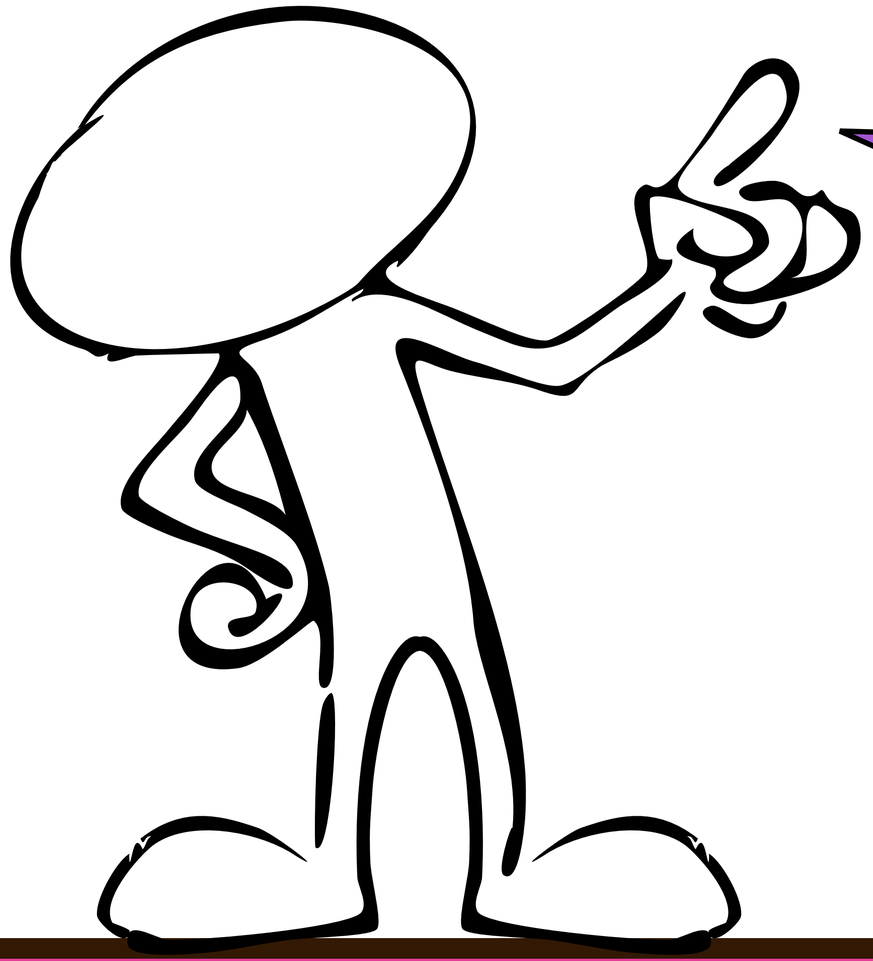

Can you think of any other things early civilisations might have invented?

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Which of these inventions do you think were invented before early civilisations?

Which of these inventions do you think were invented by early civilisations?

Which of these inventions do you think were invented after early civilisations?

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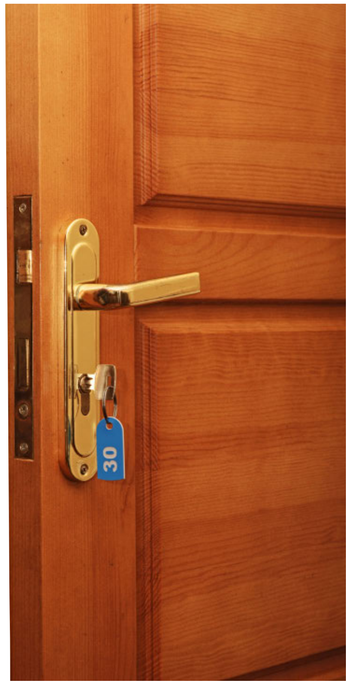
telescope



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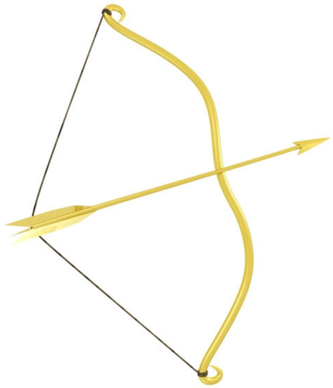

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Today you will be finding out whether your predictions were correct or not.

How do you think we could do this?

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