

In 539 BC, the Persians brought

Under King Darius, they built huge

an end to the Assyrian empire.

Persepolis (fig.5-17, 5-c). Huge,

magnificent spaces had wooden

dred columns in a huge central

the symbol of power (fig.5-18).

room was a pair of sculpted bulls,

columns. Atop each of the one hun-

palaces such as the one at

ceilings supported by great

5-17 Stone was used for the gateways, stairs, large columns and platforms. Small columns and the roof were made of wood. The walls were constructed of brick.

Audience Hall of Darius and Xerxes, about 500 BC. Persepolis, Iran.



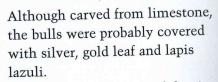
3000 BC Silk first produced, 2500-1500 BC Grid pattern city built at Mohenjo-Daro, Indus Valley

2000 BC Ice cream invented,

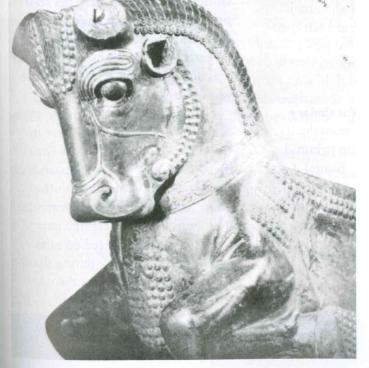
World Cultural Timeline

3000 BC Mummification practiced in S. **America and Africa**

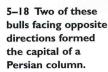
2000 BC First templepyramids built, Peru



The Persians remained dominant in this area until Alexander the Great toppled them in 331 BC, thus uniting the Greek culture with the one that had slowly developed in the land between two rivers-Mesopotamia.



5-16 The Assyrians depicted the hunting of big animals, especially lions, to show the power they and their kings had over nature. Dying Lioness, about 650 BC. Limestone, height of lion 13 3/4" (35 cm), from Nineveh (Assyria). British Museum, London.



Bull capital, about 518-460 BC, Persian. Bituminous limestone, 28" x 30" x 12" (71.1 x 76.2 x 30.5 cm) high, Persepolis. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Missouri (Purchase: Nelson Trust) 50-14.

Lesson 5.2 Review

- I Why does so little remain of Sumerian architecture?
- 2 How was the function of a ziggurat reflected in its appearance?
- 3 Where were some of the finest works of art from the Sumerian period found? Describe the types of objects discovered.
- **4** Describe the palaces built by the Assyrians.
- **5** Re-read the description of the Persian palace at Persepolis on page 158. Imagine, or even sketch out, how it might have looked. What impression would the central room have made on a visitor?