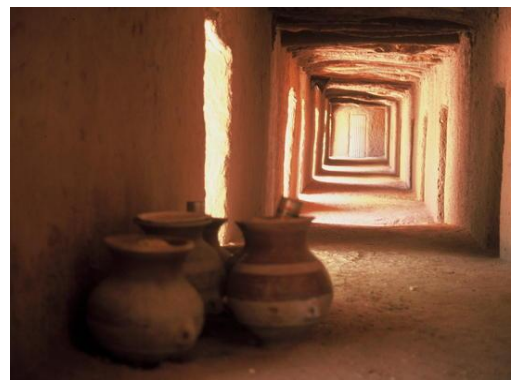




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World Heritage in **Danger**



Tomb of Askia. Mali. Africa

DUE: Sunday, 11:59 pm

OBJECTIVE: To enhance awareness and knowledge of the world's endangered past

BACKGROUND: The archaeological record is a non-renewable resource. While some sites are well preserved, many others are in severe danger of being lost forever. Some of these threatened sites belong to the World Heritage List. As of September 2013, this list "includes 981 properties forming part of the cultural and natural heritage which the World Heritage Committee considers as having outstanding universal value" (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/>).

Archaeological sites such as Cahokia in the USA, Tikal in Guatemala, Mahabalipuram in India, the Great Pyramids of Egypt and numerous others hold the World Heritage designation. (Natural formations are also on the list, such as the Grand Canyon in the USA, the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, and Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries of China, but we'll focus our attention on the archaeological sites for this exercise.)

DIRECTIONS: Choose one of the archaeological sites on the "List of World Heritage in Danger" from this website: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/danger/>. Make sure it is an archaeological site and not a natural site.

Provide the following information in your post:

1. Basic Information: Name of the site, geographical location, age of remains, the major remains at the site
2. Photo: Provide a photo of the site. You can download photos from the website provided above and include it in your post.
3. Significance of Site: why this site has World Heritage designation
4. Threats to the Site: why this site is on the endangered sites list
5. Solutions to threats: As a citizen of the world, what are your ideas as to how to protect this site from disappearing from the archaeological record? What can be done?!