

Based on your research so far

# What cultural style are you representing?







# $\begin{array}{l} \sim\!\!28,\!000\,BCE^* \\ Czech \,Republic \\ ^{*Before \,Common \,Era} \end{array}$

Oldest known ceramic artifact found, **Venus of Dolní Věstonice** 

~18,000 BCE China · · · · ·

First examples of pottery found in **southeastern China** 

~9,000 BCE Neolithic

Beginning of settled communities, agriculture, art, and building materials near Turkey, Syria, Northern Mesopotamia

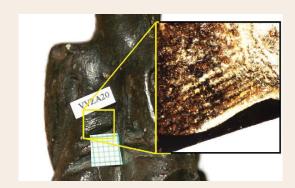


## **Oldest** known ceramic artifact

Dated as early as 28,000 BCE, during the late Paleolithic period.

- the **Venus of Dolní Věstonice**

- small prehistoric settlement in the **Czech Republic**Possible fertility **totem**Scan found a fingerprint of a child estimated at between 7-15 years of age, fired into the surface







# First examples of pottery, 18,000 BCE



### Eastern China



Found inside **Xianrendong cave**The refers to the legendary Chinese enlightened people, the **Xian** "immortals"



### Food Storage

Introduces dietary history hunter-gatherers storing food, evidence of **early rice cultivation** 

Fired in **open pit** or bonfire at low temperature



# Neolithic Period - What do you notice?



Bowl, mid-Neolithic period, (4000–2500 BCE) Yangshao culture; Shaanxi or Henan Province, China



The Skarpsalling Pot (3200 BCE) Himmerland, Denmark



Clay spherical vase with polychrome decoration.

Late Neolithic (5300-4800 BCE)

Dimini, Magnesia, Greece





# The Wheel (3500 BCE)

- Believed to be invented in Mesopotamia
- Allowed radial symmetry, more consistent shapes, more efficient than coil/hand-building



- Discovered accidentally in Ancient Egypt
- Made pottery more useful for water/liquid storage
- Pottery glazing became common after glass discovery

# Greek "Attic" pottery (~700 BCE)

Red-figure and Black-figure pottery Esquiette detail, pottery for artwork and story-telling







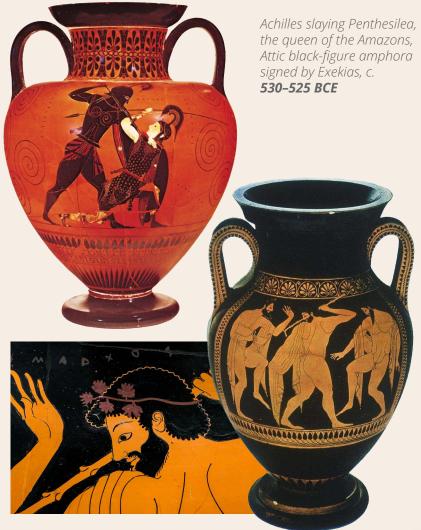
# Black-Figure Pottery

- White slip for female flesh, black slip for male
- Almond shape for female eyes, **circular** for males
- Lack of naturalism/realism
  - Figures are in **profile** face and body,
  - Motion, position of both left (or right) arms and legs moving forward.
  - Attempt at perspective

# Red-Figure Pottery

- Greater detail and precision, using a brush to apply the slip
- Displays improved understanding of **human anatomy** and **perspective**.
- Figures in **more dynamic and complex poses**, showing movement and interaction.

Euthymides, Three Revelers (Athenian red-figure amphora), c. **510 BCE** 



# Ceramics history, cont'd



### Mid 1800s

Porcelain electrical insulators and **incandescent light bulbs** are invented.

### Late 1990s

The robocasting process for **3D printing of ceramics** is developed

 $700 \, \underset{\text{Greek pottery}}{\text{BCE}}$ 

 $\begin{array}{c} 1400s \\ \text{High-temperature kilns} \\ \text{developed in Europe} \end{array}$ 



China introduces porcelain, the **silk road** trade flourishes



### 1500s

High-temperature materials are introduced to build furnaces for steel, glass, ceramics, etc. leading way to industrial revolution

### 1920s

High-strength porcelain for insulators, glass windows for automobiles, and ceramic capacitors are introduced

### 2017

In 2017 the first **hyperelastic bone** is created by 3D printing



### Egypt

- Faience, ground quartz
- Blue color
- Symbolized rebirth



Nok male figure; 500 BC – 500 AD; terracotta; from northern Nigeria



Hippopotamus ("William"), Middle Kingdom, Dynasty 12; Faience; From Middle Egypt, Khashaba excavations, 1910



Feeding Cup, Late Middle Kingdom, Dynasty 12; Faience; From Egypt, MMA excavation, deposited without burial

### West African, Nok Culture

- Terracotta
- Coil built
- Highly stylized



Nok pottery head Pottery head found at Nok, Nigeria. In the Jos Museum, Nigeria.

### Mesoamerican

- Intricate design
- Used ceremonial offerings, burials, and rituals involving the gods
- Cosmology and mythology iconography



Maya, Late Classic; 650/750-900 CE; ceramic





### Iranian/Persian

- Lusterware and Stonepaste
- Mina'i wares
- Highly valued

Abu Zayd, bowl with a majlis scene by a pond, 1186 C.E., stone paste, glazed in opaque turquoise, polychrome in-glaze- and overglaze- painted, Kashan, Iran



### Native American

- Ancestral Pueblo, Anasazi
- Hand-coiled
- Deep connection between nature and art, i.e. water illustrations for water storage vessel



Socorro black-on-white storage jar; ca. 1050–1100; Made in New Mexico, United States; Clay and pigment



Ancestral Pueblo; Pitcher with Black on White Geometric Design; 900–1300; Ceramic, pigment



raku ware: tea bowl Tea bowl with crane design, raku ware by Ryōnyū (Raku IX), 1810–38



raku ware: tea bowl Tea bowl by Ichinyu-Raku IV (possibly), 17th century

### Japanese

- Raku ware
- Hand modeled, purposefully simple
- Invented for tea ceremony



# GAME TIME!

- 1. Divide into three (3) teams
- Choose an **Art-Inspired** Team Name, i.e. The Picasso Pots, Clay Masters, or The Glaze Squad.
- 3. Answer in the Form of a Question
  - a. Every answer you give must be phrased as a question! For example, if the answer is "coiling," you say, "What is coiling?"
- 4. Only One Spokesperson per *Round* 
  - a. You can switch speakers between rounds, but only the spokesperson can answer out loud.
- 5. First Team to Buzz In Gets to Answer
  - a. Use the buzzer to signal that you're ready.
  - b. If they're wrong, the next team can try!