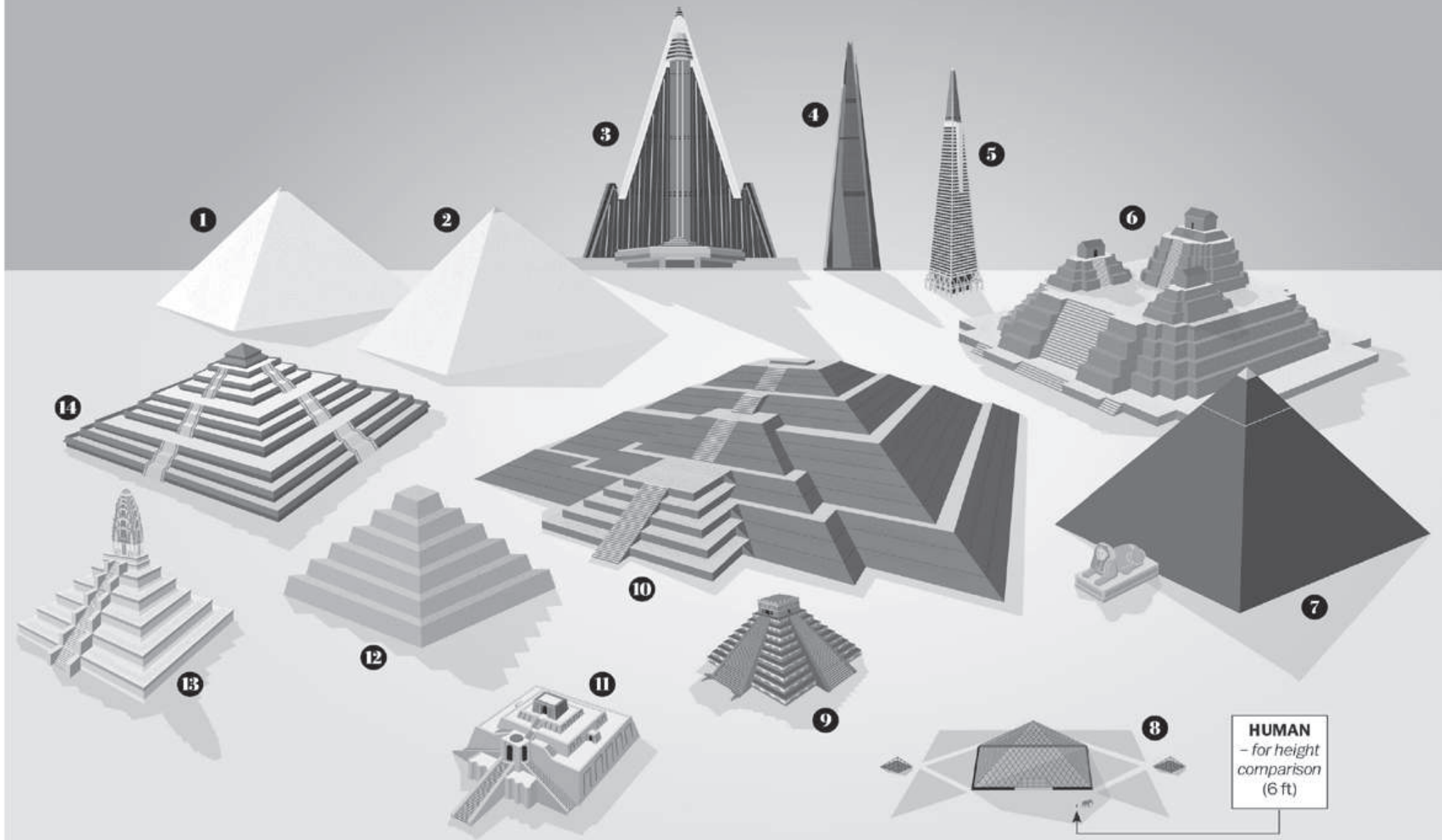


Amazing pyramids!

Many people think first of the pyramids in Egypt, but there are pyramids all around the world — and they're still being built today! Let's take a look at some of the most famous pyramids on Earth.



You have probably heard of the pyramids in Egypt, which are visited by millions of tourists each year. They are some of the oldest pyramids in the world, built long before modern construction techniques. The people who made them had to work incredibly hard to cut and carry the stones and come up with ingenious ways to stack them to create these enormous structures, which are still standing today, more than 4,000 years later. The Egyptian pyramids are also among the world's most famous. But did you know that cultures in other

countries have been building pyramids for centuries, too? In fact, people are still building them today.

Pyramids are popular for lots of reasons. They are impressive in size, and the pyramid shape is very sturdy. Because they can stay standing for hundreds of years, pyramids are often used as places of worship or as monuments to remember people who have died. So, let's explore pyramids all around the world, and look at what could be the oldest pyramid of all. As you are about to discover, pyramid-building is an amazing human feat!

1 Great Pyramid of Giza
Giza, Egypt
Height: 454 ft (was 481 ft)
Built in the early 2400s B.C., it was originally covered in limestone.

2 Pyramid of Khafre
Giza, Egypt
Height: 448 ft (was 471 ft)
Also in Giza, it was built around 150 years after the Great Pyramid.

3 Ryugyong Hotel
Pyongyang, North Korea
Height: 1,083 ft
This massive modern pyramid has never fully opened and was for a time the world's tallest unoccupied building.

4 The Shard
London, United Kingdom
Height: 1,016 ft
The Shard, finished in 2012, is currently Britain's tallest building.

5 Transamerica Pyramid
San Francisco, California
Height: 853 ft
This American skyscraper was the tallest building in San Francisco from its completion in 1972 until 2018.

6 La Danta
Petén, Guatemala
Height: 236 ft
Built between 300 B.C. and 150 A.D., La Danta is estimated to have taken a total of 15 million human-days of labor to construct.

7 Luxor Pyramid
Las Vegas, Nevada
Height: 364 ft
This pyramid hotel was finished in 1993, and built and decorated with the help of historical researchers and Egyptologists.

8 Louvre Pyramid
Paris, France
Height: 68 ft
This massive glass-and-metal pyramid, finished in 1989, is the main entrance to the world-famous Louvre Museum in Paris.

9 El Castillo
Chichén Itzá, Mexico
Height: 98 ft
El Castillo was built around

1000 A.D. by the Maya people as a temple to the feathered serpent deity Kukulcán.

10 Pyramid of the Sun
Teotihuacán, Mexico
Height: 216 ft
Built around 100 A.D., the Pyramid of the Sun is the largest building in Teotihuacán.

11 Ziggurat of Ur
Ur, Iraq
Height: over 95 ft
This great temple, built around 2100 B.C., is the best-preserved ziggurat of Mesopotamia.

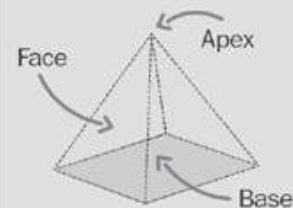
12 Pyramid of Djoser
Saqqara, Egypt
Height: 205 ft
The Pyramid of Djoser, which was built in the 2600s B.C., is thought to be the world's oldest pyramid.

13 Prang Temple
Koh Ker, Cambodia
Height: 118 ft (was 130+ ft)
Construction on this temple began in about 928 A.D. It is part of a remote and inaccessible temple complex that includes many buildings.

14 Qin Shi Huang Mausoleum
Xi'an, China
Height: 154 ft (was 249 ft)
This massive mausoleum was built for the first emperor of the Qin dynasty. The famous army of terra-cotta soldiers was found near here.

WHAT IS A PYRAMID?

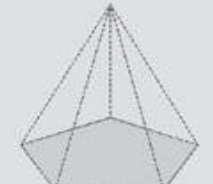
Pyramids are large structures with a base and sloping sides called faces. The base of a pyramid can be a triangle, a square, a rectangle or another shape with even more sides. The faces of a pyramid are triangles that meet at a point at the top, which is called the apex.



Square pyramid



Triangular pyramid



Pentagonal pyramid



Hexagonal pyramid

WHICH PYRAMID IS THE OLDEST?



The oldest pyramid in the world is thought to be the Pyramid of Djoser, built in Egypt in the 2600s B.C. Some experts think the

prehistoric site of Gunung Padang in Indonesia (above) could also be a contender. There is a pyramid-like structure there, but it is

unclear whether it was built by humans. If it was, it would be the oldest known pyramid, as it could be as much as 27,000 years old!

What on Earth! Magazine
Curious kids can't put it down...

- ✓ The perfect gift for ages 7-14
- ✓ Amazing facts and screen-free fun
- ✓ Helps children fall in love with reading and learning

10 MAJOR AWARDS!



AGES 7-14

SUBSCRIBE TODAY AND ALSO RECEIVE THIS FAMILY HISTORY BOOK WORTH \$30*

