

ROCK ART, DID YOU SAY?

ANNEX 3 | ROCK ART ACROSS THE WORLD

Search the Internet and find five examples of rock art in the world. Be original! There may be 200,000 to 400,000 rock art sites on the planet. You will certainly find something uniquely different from your peers' examples!

Here are a few leads:

- The term parietal is sometimes used to identify certain forms of rock art.¹
- It may be useful to start your search with a general information site that provides a list of rock art sites, such as Wikipedia.
- Rock art sites are found on every continent.
- Several rock art sites are on the UNESCO world heritage site list.
- Few sites are known in North America: The *Images on Stone* website is your best source for this continent.

Name of the site	Location (country, continent)	Technique (carving, painting, drawing)	Date*	Note (In what way is this site special?)
Altamira	Spain, Europe	Drawing	15,000 years ago	A large 2.25 m long doe
Lascaux	France, Europe	Painting	18,000 years ago	Discovered in 1940 owing to a dog chasing a rabbit
Creswell, Crags	England, Europe	Carving	43,000 years ago	Date of the great ice ages
Alta	Norway, Europe	Carving and painting	5000 years ago	More than 5000 red ochre-enhanced carvings
Tanum	Sweden, Europe	Carving and painting	1800 B.C	Human figures, ships
Kakadu	Australia, Oceania	Painting	20,000 years ago	Aboriginal form of art: X-ray
Cueva de las Manos	Argentina, South America	Painting	13,000 years ago	Negative hands
Laas Gaal	Somalia, Africa	Painting	5000 years ago	More than 1000 cows and bulls
Tamgaly	Kazakhstan, Asia	Carving	1500 B.C	Sacred images and farming scenes
Damaidi	China, Asia	Carving	8000 years ago	Early form of Chinese characters (moon, sun, characters, etc.)

* Indicate the oldest date.

**The elements in light grey are potential answers intended for the teacher.

¹ Some experts refer to a particular category of rock art (created everywhere, including on open-air rocks) as “parietal art”, which is art created in caves or enclosed spaces.