

## **Destruction Of Archaeological Sites In Iraq**

News is sometimes tragic, chronicling scenes of loss, atrocity, and hatred. Last week a crime was committed against Iraq, the culprits? ISIS. If I were a foreign news correspondent I would cover ISIS' destruction of archaeological sites in Iraq because I care about history, I am compassionate to this injustice, and I want to learn more about the details of this topic.

I care about the history of the world and civilization. The Islamic State militant group attacked the ancient archaeological site of Nimrud, and damaged it with heavy vehicles. The artifacts destroyed by ISIS dated back to ancient Mesopotamia and were priceless (Barnard). This means this loss of history was devastating to archeologists and the people and history of Iraq. This shows that the world should care about this devastating loss because the artifacts are important to civilization and the modern day. The world deserves to know about this terrible act or violence.

I am sympathetic towards this great loss, and that makes me want to cover the story for the whole world to hear. I feel compassion for this story and the people involved, including archeologists who spent year uncovering this site. In a New York Times article, Ishan Fethi, a member of the Iraqi Architects Society, is quoted saying, "I cannot even describe the immensity of this loss. This is one of the most famous, and probably one of the most important sites in the world" (Barnard). That being said, I would like to write an empathetic piece for this story. News stories require a certain level of compassion, and I could provide that. I would be able to write a conscientious piece that comes from a place of understanding. Being a Native American, loss of history is something all too familiar with me. So, I have a further understanding than most people.

I would like to learn more about the actions taken to write this wrongdoing. The Iraqi government must have taken strong action to combat the militant group, so what was it? I would like to gain further knowledge on the subject. I would get eyewitness reports, as well as statements from international relations advisors, on the steps Iraq has taken to bounce back. Reporters educate themselves on their topic. So, I would take the investigative action in order to write an educated piece on the topic.

If I were a foreign news correspondent I would choose this story in order to give a truthful compassionate view of the happenings of the past week. I would give an elaborate expose of the atrocities committed against the country of Iraq. I would choose this story because I care about history and its preservation; I am compassionate to the country's loss; and I would like to learn more about the action taken to combat the militant group.

#### Works Cited

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