

## **Digital Images and Scanning**

The 10 digital and scanned images I choose to use are located throughout several assignments created over the semester. The majority of my images were used in creating my virtual field trip over the ancient Mesopotamian City of Ur. Several other images were used in the creation of my Website. The digital pictures used throughout my virtual field trip were actually taken by me while deployed to An Nasiriyah, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The pictures and video used depict various aspects of the ancient city and the environment around the city. The pictures depicted are of the actual archaeological excavation site that was unearthed by Sir Leonard Woolley in the 1920's. Every digital picture used in the creation of my virtual field trip is meaningful and helps to depict the ancient structures and environment of the City of Ur. The pictures used in my virtual fieldtrip consist of the excavated ziggurat, the entire temple area at Ur, and parts of the residential and commercial quarters of the city. Digital images taken at the City of Ur are used on various slides in my virtual field trip. Several scanned images are also included in my virtual fieldtrip describing the journey of Abraham. The scanned images were taken from several books of the bible. The digital images in my Website are of me and my students as well as scanned Illinois learning standards and rubrics, which will be added to the rubric section of the courses I instruct. I found this project to be both useful and meaningful because it provided me an opportunity to showcase some very

interesting pictures taken of an actual archaeological excavation site. It also allows others to share in the experiences of the site as well as engage themselves in learning about ancient cultures of the Middle East and Mesopotamia. One aspect of this assignment that I would change is to break up how and when to use various images. For example, I think that maybe the assignment should be moved up earlier in the semester, so students are familiar with images and graphics. It would also help because there would be a more even distribution of images across various assignments. I found myself placing the majority of my images in just one project because I forgot about the requirement of having them included in several assignments.