

SYMBOLISM

The Assyrian Reliefs

Imagine decorating the walls of your bedroom. What might you use? Why?

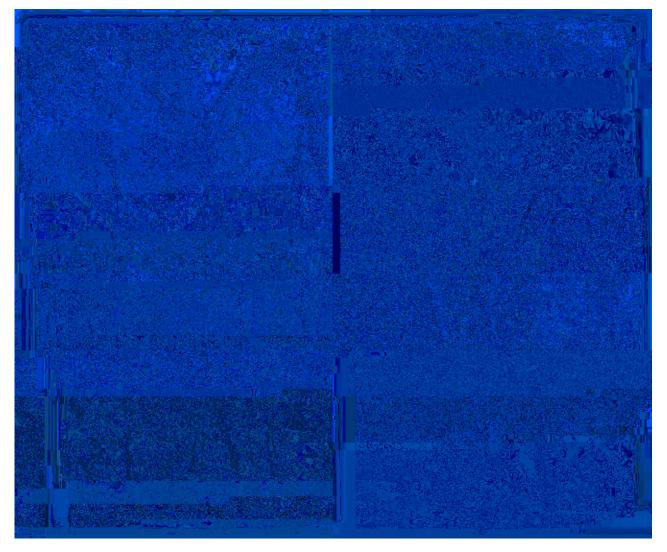
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Winged Spirit or Apkallu Anointing Ashurnasirpal II from Kalhu (Nimrud), Iraq, 875–860 BCE. Bowdoin College Museum of Art

What do you see? (Note the carved profile on the right and the damage to the two figures on the left.)

What could it symbolize?

What does it suggest about Assyrian society?

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