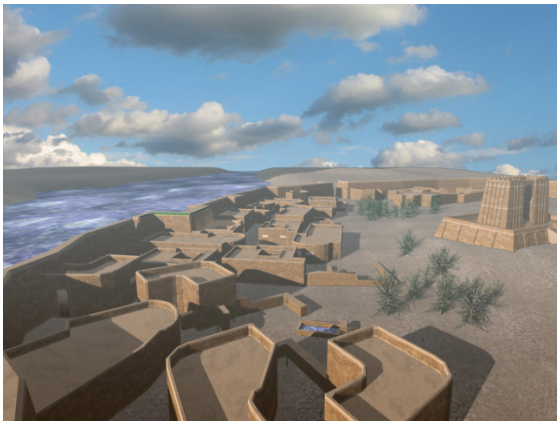
Discover Babylon™



Mesopotamia's diverse contributions in writing, literature and law will come alive again in Discover Babylon™, a Federation of American Scientists' learning technologies project. Located in what is now modern Iraq—Mesopotamia was the birthplace of written language, advanced mathematical concepts, and codified law — yet its contributions are not well known to many Americans. Targeted at ages 8 – 14, Discover Babylon™ will use sophisticated video gaming strategies and realistic digital environments to engage the learner in challenges and mysteries that can only be solved through developing an understanding of Mesopotamian society, business practices, and trade.

Features include:

- **Accurate historical and scientific information**
- **3D photorealistic simulations of cities & temple complexes that will allow the user open-ended exploration and discovery**
- **Contextualization of museum artifacts used by avatars in the virtual environment**
- **Question & answer management tools to stimulate learning**
- **Compelling, age-appropriate challenges and assignments for the player**

Discover Babylon™ will facilitate public understanding of the significance of this material for world culture. It will explore new ways to reassemble and restore the material culture now spread across many different museum and library collections, contribute new research on information management and encourage interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Federation of American Scientists **is the leading coalition partner for Digital Promise, a consortium established to create the *Digital Opportunity Investment Trust* (www.digitalpromise.org). Discover Babylon™ is an exemplar collaborative project using the resources of FAS, the University of California, Los Angeles' Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative, the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore and Escape Hatch Entertainment in Austin, TX to demonstrate *DO IT*'s potential to transform learning and training.**

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