There are **FOUR SPECIFIC CONDITIONS** that allow ancient art to survive:

1. Durable materials such as stone or wood, metal or fired clay

2. Correct Local environment that allows art to survive, such as a dry desert or caves with constant temperature and low humidity

3. A stable, highly organized culture with stable population centers. Great cities have richest accumulation of artwork; they are where rulers dwell, where wealth is accumulated and artists congregate.

   To have great art a society must have a **workforce dedicated to creating it** and a system in place to support them.

   I.e. the society has the resources that enable a portion of the workforce to make art rather than gather food or help the rest to survive.

   Distinct division of labor necessary to create such professional and accomplished images

4. Art must be cached / stored in places of limited or no accessibility such as Caves or tombs or temples

   Safe from grave robbers & vandalism