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The clips present historical figures such as Cleopatra, queen of Egypt; Cixi, empress dowager of China; the Carthaginian general Hannibal; the Italian artist and polymath Leonardo da Vinci; and Catherine the Great, empress of Russia.

The clips consider epochs such as the Babylonian Empire, the era of Viking rule or the Golden Age of Islam in medieval Spain, as well as turning points in history – including the emergence of the Chinese Empire, the birth of the Roman Empire and the battle of the Incas against the Spanish conquistadors.

They also present buildings and structures such as the symbolic tomb of the Egyptian god of the afterlife Osiris, the Mayan city of Chichén Itzá, the Dome of the Rock on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, the Kremlin in Moscow and the Taj Mahal in the Indian city of Agra.

Other clips show archeologists at work: Searching for the wrecks of galleys off the Turkish coast, investigating ancient gold-extraction practices in southeastern Europe, or as they find out more about the lives of people in the early Bronze Age.

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