

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **erase** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

4

BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

5

MIDDLE

5

END

6

BEGINNING

6

MIDDLE

6

END

7

BEGINNING

MIDDLE KINGDOM

The Middle Kingdom, sometimes called the "The Period of Reunification" occurred between 1975 BC and 1640 BC in Ancient Egypt. Egypt was established along the Nile River in northeast Africa. Egypt went through three periods of prosperity (success) and unity. These periods are known as the Old Kingdom, the Middle Kingdom, and the New Kingdom. Between each of these periods, there were times of disunity among the government and the people.

A dynasty is a family who rules over a period of time. The Middle Kingdom went through 8 main dynasties; the Eleventh Dynasty, The Twelfth Dynasty, and the Thirteenth Dynasty. Pharaoh Senusret III was the most powerful pharaoh of the Middle Kingdom. He earned the nickname of "Warrior-King" because when his soldiers went to war, he fought with them.

After the Old Kingdom began to weaken, Egypt went through a time called 'The First Intermediate Period' which lasted over 100 years. It was a time of chaos and war. Egypt was not united, and the north and south were ruled by different dynasties. In 2000 BC, Mentuhotep II became king of southern Egypt. He attacked the north and was able to defeat them and unite Egypt once again, beginning the Middle Kingdom.

Mentuhotep II was a very powerful and respected leader who ruled for 51 years. Mentuhotep II wore the Double Crown which represented the unification (bringing together) of Upper and Lower Egypt. He brought many changes to Egypt. He constructed a navy and sent the first naval expedition to Punt. He made pharaohs gods again in the eyes of the people and they went back to believing in them. Gods could only worshipped were the sun god Re, the underworld god Osiris, and the sky god Horus. He also expanded the borders of Egypt and built an army to protect them from invaders. He worked to unite and rebuild the government because it was divided during The First Intermediate Period and was almost completely strong and wealthy.

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Ancient Egypt was divided into _____ main kingdoms.



7



10



3



18

4

Who was the god of the sky?



Horus



Thoth



Aten



Aphrodite

5

The Middle Kingdom went through _____ main dynasties.



5



6



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6

Pharaoh Amenemhat I ruled Ancient Egypt for _____ years.



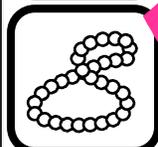
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45



38



42

7

The largest tomb in the Valley of the Kings belongs to _____.



King Tut



Amenemhat III



Rameses II



Hatshepsut

8

Who was the most powerful pharaoh of the Middle Kingdom?



Mentuhotep II



Amenemhat III



Hatshepsut



Senusret III

9

The First Intermediate Period lasted over _____ years.



400



100



300



700

10

Who was the sun goddess?



Ankh



Re



Horus



Osiris

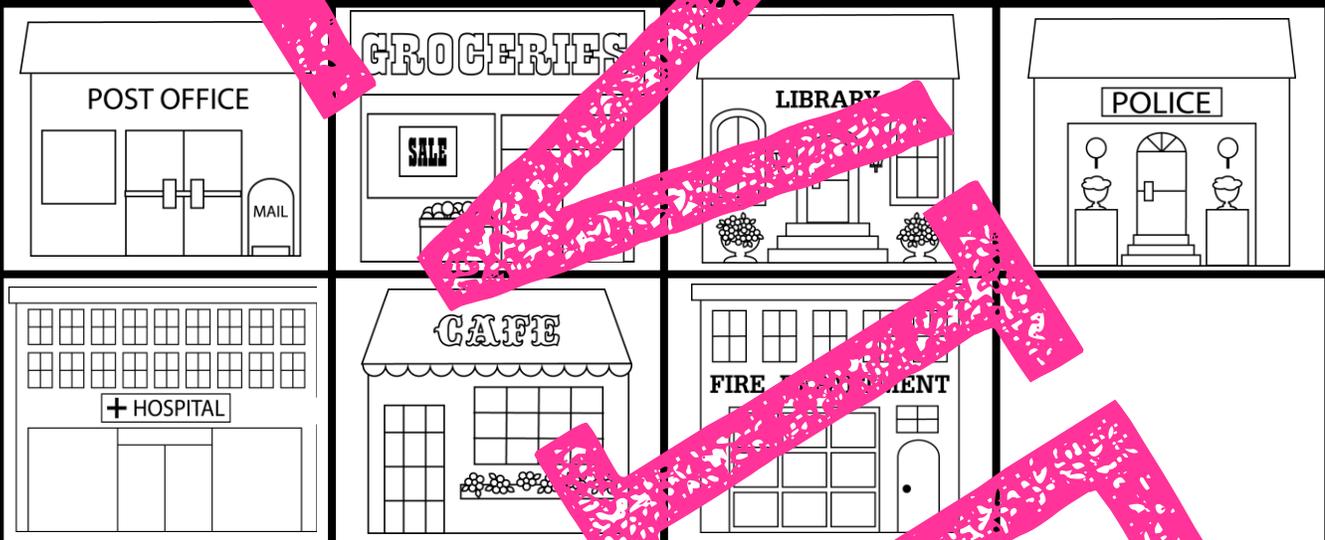
CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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