



EGYPTIAN PYRAMIDS ANTICIPATION GUIDE

Read each statement and decide if it is True or False. Complete the left column before the reading by circling the T for True or the F for False. Complete the right column after you finish the reading. Did any of your answers change?

BEFORE READING		STATEMENT	AFTER READING	
T	F	Thoth was the god of knowledge.	T	F
T	F	There were 42 dynasties in ancient Egypt.	T	F
T	F	Pyramids were always built to the east of the Nile River.	T	F
T	F	Pyramids were built as a burial and memorial for pharaohs.	T	F
T	F	The mortuary temple was built to worship a dead pharaoh.	T	F
T	F	Pyramids were very large, usually having tunnels & chambers.	T	F
T	F	The largest pyramid was the Great Pyramid of Giza.	T	F
T	F	The word pharaoh means "great man".	T	F
T	F	The pharaohs would be placed in the pyramids as mummies.	T	F

DID YOU KNOW?

The base of a pyramid is always a perfect square.

Egyptian Pyramids

Name: _____

Answer the questions below. Then on the coloring page, color each numbered section with the corresponding color. If there is any space left over, color it your choice! Follow the directions provided to cite evidence from the reading.

Questions	Text Evidence	Answer
#1 Who was the god of the sun?	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in PURPLE	Sanskrit RED
#2 What was their form of writing called?	Find proof in the reading and <u>CIRCLE</u> it in GREEN	Hieroglyphics PURPLE STRIPES
#3 The Great Pyramid of Giza was built for which pharaoh?	Find proof in the reading and <u>BOX</u> it in RED	Khufu YELLOW
#4 Which river was Ancient Egypt built on?	Find proof in the reading and <u>BOX</u> it in YELLOW	Amazon RED
#5 Which pharaoh was the god of the sky?	Find proof in the reading and <u>CIRCLE</u> it in ORANGE	Horus BLUE
#6 Which pharaoh built the first pyramid?	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in PURPLE	Thoth ORANGE STRIPES
		Djoser GREEN STRIPES

EGYPTIAN PYRAMIDS

Ancient Egypt was a civilization that lasted over 3000 years located along the Nile River in northeast Africa. A civilization is a group of people who have their own culture and way of life. This civilization was one of the longest and most powerful ones in history. They are known for their pyramids, which were built as a burial and memorial for pharaohs. Pyramids were large structures built out of rocks and limestone with four triangular sides coming to a point on top.

Ancient Egyptians had many beliefs. Their religion had many gods, each representing different parts of life such as the sun (Ra), the sky (Horus), and knowledge (Thoth). Alongside the gods, there were individuals called pharaohs. Pharaohs were the kings, or rulers, of Ancient Egypt. They were also the leader of religion. The word pharaoh means "great house." Ancient Egypt included 31 dynasties with likely over 170 pharaohs. Pharaohs were held at a very high standard and seen almost as gods. Two types of temples were built in Ancient Egypt. The Cult temple was a temple built to house a specific god and the Mortuary temple was built to serve a dead pharaoh.

Another belief Ancient Egyptians had was that their souls never died. When they passed away, their souls remained in the afterlife. They also believed that in order for pharaohs to succeed in the afterlife, they had to be buried with their worldly items such as their treasures, clothes, food, and more. They would use these items after they passed away. As a place to be buried and to keep their items, pharaohs built pyramids for themselves.

Pyramids were very large, usually having tunnels and chambers (rooms) for different purposes. Since there were many items and they were stored away for the pharaohs to use in the afterlife, there would be a chamber dedicated for those. The walls would usually be covered in picture carvings and hieroglyphics, Ancient Egypt's form of writing.