

# ANCIENT EGYPT

# ESCAPE ROOM

### READING #1

Ancient Egypt was a civilization that started in 3100 BC. A civilization is a group of people who have their own way of life. They speak their own language, have their own agricultural methods, and their own ways of government. Ancient Egypt was ruled by over 30 dynasties for over 3,000 years. It was an extremely powerful civilization located along the Nile River, the longest river in the world.

Ancient Egypt was divided into two regions known as Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt. This was based on the flow of the Nile River. Oddly, Upper Egypt was in the north. Lower Egypt was located where the Nile Delta drains into the Mediterranean Sea. It was known as Ta-Mehu, which means



### DECODE

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 C=🖋️ I=🍷 O=🍷  
 D=🏛️ J=📖 P=🍷

### READING #5

The government of Ancient Egypt was controlled by the Pharaohs. They also controlled the religion since government and religion were tied together. The Pharaoh was believed to be a god in human form, with a divine right to rule. Under the Pharaoh was the Vizier. The first Vizier was  $\square \square \square \square \square \square$ . Viziers oversaw taxation, justice, and public works. Below the Vizier were local governors called Nomarchs. Nomarchs ruled areas called nomes. A nome was similar to a state. Egyptian religion consisted of many gods and goddesses, with the Pharaohs being the closest a person could get to the gods. They had a god or goddess for different roles. For example, Ra was the sun god,  $\square \square \square \square \square \square$  was the goddess for Osiris was the god of the underworld, and Thoth was the god of knowledge. Temples were built to honor the



### DECODE

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### RECORDING SHEET #2

For each question below by revisiting the reading passages. Indicate at # passage) you found the answer.

3. Who was the god of the sky?  
 A. Horus  
 B. Ra  
 C. Osiris  
 D. Thebes

4. The first known pyramid was built to bury which pharaoh?  
 A. Amenhotep III  
 B. Hatshepsut  
 C. Thutmose  
 D. Djoser

7. Who was the first Vizier of ancient Egypt?  
 A. Ramesses II  
 B. Ramesses III

8. What did ancient Egyptians refer to soul as?  
 A. Xia  
 B. Peret

### RECORDING SHEET #1

Read each passage and decode the missing words. Write your answers below. Then, unscramble the mystery word found in the gray-shaded boxes. When you finish, complete the multiple-choice questions.

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READING #2

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READING #3

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READING #4

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READING #5

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# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

### MISSION

You have been assigned a top-secret mission of utmost importance. In the town of Crestwood, a daring thief – the priceless Emerald Star – was

### DIRECTIONS

1 There are two goals to this activity:  
1. Unscramble a mystery word

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### READING #2

The Nile River, located in northeast 2 333 777 444 222 2, brought many benefits. Because Egypt was a desert it

### READING #3

Ancient Egypt is known for many things. They were one of the first civilizations to write, using hieroglyphics. This was a form

### READING #4

Ancient Egypt is known for the pyramids made of rocks and stones. The pyramids are so large, that archeologists are still unsure how exactly they built them. The

### READING #5

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### READING #6

Ancient Egypt went through three main kingdoms. The Old Kingdom, the Middle Kingdom, and the 222155 Kingdom. Famous

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### RECORDING SHEET #2

Time to find text evidence! Answer each question below by revisiting the reading passages. Indicate WHERE (what # passage) you found the answer.

<p>1. What was the season of harvest known as?</p> <p>A. Shemu B. Akhet C. Peret D. Aur</p>	<p>2. What were those who knew how to read hieroglyphics called?</p> <p>A. Shemus B. Nomarchs C. Viziers D. Scribes</p>	<p>3. Who was the god of the sky?</p> <p>A. Horus B. Ra C. Osiris D. Thebes</p>	<p>4. The first known pyramid was built to bury which pharaoh?</p> <p>A. Amenhotep III B. Hatshepsut C. Thutmose D. Djoser</p>
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- 6 READING PASSAGES
- 6 PUZZLE DECODERS
- 18 FILL IN THE BLANK
- 12 MULTIPLE CHOICE Q'S
- TEACHER GUIDE
- ANSWER KEY
- STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- HINT CARDS

### TEACHER DIRECTIONS

Print pages 5-10 just ONE TIME (these are the 6 short reading passages). You do NOT have to print these pages for every student! Spread them out and hang (or hide) them around the room. Leave enough room so a few students can

### CRYPTOGRAM

Use the cryptogram decoder to solve the clue.

### TXT MSG

Use the keypad to determine what letter each number pattern represents. Back in the day, you

### POLYBIUS

Use the decoder to determine the letter by the coordinates given. Each letter is represented by TWO numbers. The first number indicates the number across the TOP (RIGHT). The second number indicates the number on the left column (DOWN). If a square is empty, you'll need to

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# 6 PASSAGES

## READING #1

Ancient Egypt was a civilization that started in 3100 BC. A civilization is a group of people who have their own way of life. They speak their own language, have their own agricultural methods, and their own ways of government. Ancient Egypt was ruled by over 3,000 dynasties for over 3,000 years. It was an extremely powerful civilization located along the Nile River in the world.

## READING #2

The Nile River, located in northeast Africa, brought many benefits. Because Egypt was in a desert, it was difficult to grow crops. However, the soil by the Nile was very fertile and rich and allowed for great growth. The fertile soil made crops like papyrus, wheat, flax and barley easy to grow.



## READING #3

Ancient Egypt is known for many things. They were one of the first civilizations to write, using hieroglyphics. This was a form of writing that used picture words or symbols. There were thousands of pictures, some representing letters or sounds and some representing whole words. Those who knew how to read and write hieroglyphics were called scribes. Scribes studied their training for many years and began

## #4

For the pyramids, the pyramids are still there. The pyramids and burial tombs, the leaders of Egypt were believed to be buried in the pyramids. They also believed that the pyramids were a well-preserved transition. The pyramids are the largest known pyramid in the world.



## READING #6

Ancient Egypt went through three main kingdoms. The Old Kingdom, the Middle Kingdom, and the New Kingdom. Famous Pharaohs including Ramses II, Thutmose III, Tutankhamun, and Akhenaten ruled during the New Kingdom. King Tut became the Pharaoh of Egypt at just 13 years old.



## READING #5

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9. What was King Tut's name?	10. What was the season of harvest known as?	11. With the fertile soil of the Nile, what crop was easy to grow?	12. What did ancient Egyptians use to make black ink? A. Soot



# TASK #2

READING #1

READING #5

READING #2

READING #6

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5. How many main kingdoms did ancient Egypt go through?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

6. Who was the god of knowledge?

- A. Horus
- B. Thoth
- C. Ra
- D. Anubis

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- A. Ramses III
- B. Amenhotep III
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- D. Thutmose

8. What did ancient Egyptians refer to the soul as?

- A. Xia
- B. Ka
- C. Ba
- D. Anubis

9. How many dynasties ruled ancient Egypt?

- A. Over 30
- B. Over 50
- C. Over 70
- D. Over 90

10. How old was King Tut when he became the Pharaoh of Egypt?

- A. 5
- B. 9
- C. 13
- D. 18

11. With the fertile soil of the Nile, what crop was easy to grow?

- A. Papyrus
- B. Wheat
- C. Flax
- D. All of the above

12. What did ancient Egyptians use to make black ink?

- A. Soot
- B. Bee's wax
- C. Vegetable gum
- D. All of the above

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4-DIGIT CODE: How many times did you use the following reading passage numbers based on your answers above?

READING #2

READING #1

READING #6

READING #5

# CITE TEXT EVIDENCE

# PRINT & GO

**Puzzle Sleuth** awarded to \_\_\_\_\_

For successfully completing the reading escape puzzles.

**Puzzle Sleuth** awarded to \_\_\_\_\_

For successfully \_\_\_\_\_ the reading \_\_\_\_\_



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# HOW IT WORKS

## ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

**1** Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 6 passages with "missing words."

**2** Students will decode the missing words and record them on **Answer Sheet #1**. They will then unscramble a mystery word from the gray-shaded boxes.

**3** Students will then answer 12 multiple-choice questions, revisit the passages and cite where they found the answers on **Answer Sheet #2**. This will lead to a 4-digit code.

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C = 📏 I = 📄  
D = 🏢 J = 📁  
E = 🍷 K = 🏠

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### RECORDING SHEET #2

Time to find text evidence! Answer each question below by revisiting the reading. Write the number of the passage you found the answer.

1. What was the season of harvest known as?  
A. Shemu  
B. Akhet  
C. Sopedet  
D. Inshafet

2. What were those who knew how to read hieroglyphics called?  
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B. Nomarchs  
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3. Who was the god of the sky?  
A. Horus  
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C. Osiris  
D. Thebes

4. How many main regions did ancient Egypt go through?  
A. 2  
B. 3  
C. 4  
D. 5

5. Who was the god of knowledge?  
A. Anubis  
B. Horus  
C. Isis  
D. Osiris





6. Who was the first pharaoh?  
A. Menes  
B. Narmer  
C. Ramesses  
D. Tutankhamun





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# BENEFITS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

-  ANTICIPATORY SETS
-  UNIT REVIEW
-  EARLY FINISHERS
-  STATIONS
-  SUB PLANS
-  PARTNER WORK
-  ENRICHMENT

-  NO PREP
-  PRINT & GO
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

