

# 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 **mark off** 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

# PYRAMIDS OF ANCIENT EGYPT

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 well 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 one 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 Cultus was a temple built to house a specific god and the Mortuary temple was built to worship a dead pharaoh.

Another belief Ancient Egyptians had was that their souls never died. When they passed away, their souls remained alive 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 when they passed away. A good 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 treasures and items 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 using pictures

3 What was the sky  
called?



De



Aren



Hor



Thoth

4 What was Ancient  
Egypt's form of  
writing?



Hieroglyphics



Cultus



Chambers



Embalming

5 The largest pyramid  
was the Great  
Pyramid of \_\_\_\_\_.



Cairo



Sphinx



Luxor



Giza

6 The pyramids were  
first built during  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom.



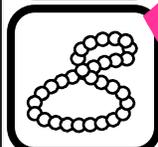
Ancient



Old



Middle



New

7

\_\_\_\_\_ was a temple  
built to house a  
specific god.



Ledge



Chamber



Monetary



Cultus

8

Who built the first  
pyramid?



Pharaoh Jennings



King Tut



Pharaoh Khufu



Pharaoh Djoser

9

Earlier pyramids from  
the Old Kingdom were  
called \_\_\_\_\_ pyramids.



Divine



Step



High-priest



Valley

10

Egyptian pyramids  
were always built to  
line \_\_\_\_\_ of the Nile  
River.



North



West



East



South

# 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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