

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

OLD KINGDOM

For over 400 years, between 2575 BC and 2150 BC, Ancient Egypt went through a period called the Old Kingdom. This was the first kingdom of three, each marking a time when Ancient Egypt was doing very well. Another name for the Old Kingdom is the Age of Pyramids because the pyramids were built during this time. The capital of Egypt during the Old Kingdom was called Memphis.

There were four major dynasties during the Old Kingdom of the Early Bronze Age in northeast Africa. A dynasty is a royal family who ruled the land over a period of time. The Old Kingdom went through the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Dynasties. Some also consider the Seventh and Eighth Dynasties as part of this kingdom.

The period before the First Kingdom was known as the Early Dynastic Period. In that time, during the First Dynasty, Egypt became one country. However, it was not until the Third Dynasty, during the Old Kingdom period, under the rule of the Pharaoh Djoser, that Egypt's government became strong and powerful.

Government and religion were connected in Ancient Egypt and the pharaoh was the head of both. The pharaoh was like a king and was the most powerful person in Ancient Egypt, thought to be connected to the gods. The vizier worked under the pharaoh and completed most of the government's daily work.

Pharaoh Djoser ruled during the Third Dynasty. He divided Egypt into different nomes (similar to states) with a governor for each, known as a nomarch. The nomarchs would check in with the pharaoh about what was happening in their nome. The Fourth Dynasty was considered to be the peak of the Old Kingdom, with powerful pharaohs such as Sneferu and Khufu.

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The Great Pyramid at _____ is the largest pyramid in Egypt.



Ashes



Heret



Karnak



Giza

8

Who was the god of the sun?



Osiris



Thoth



Horus



Ra

9

Who worked _____ the pharaoh doing the government's daily work?



Scribe



Vizier



Nome



Nomad

10

During the _____ Dynasty, things began to fall apart.



Fourth



Sixth



Third



Fifth

11 How long did it take to build the Great Pyramid in Giza?



20 years



30 years



40 years



50 years

12 What were the governors of nomes called?



Viziers



Scribes



Nomarchs



Djosers

13 What were the symbols of their system of hieroglyphics called?



Scribes



Djoser



Nomes



Viziers

14 The _____ Dynasty was considered the peak of the Old Kingdom.



Fourth



Fifth



Sixth



Seventh

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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