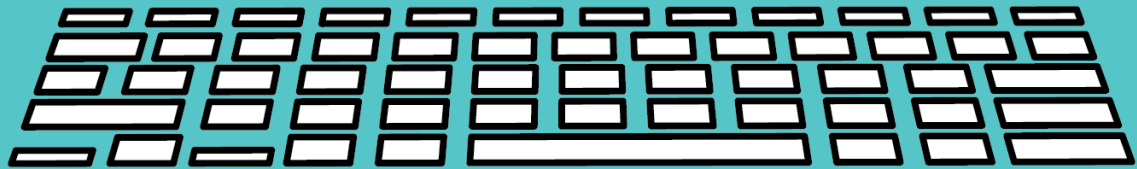
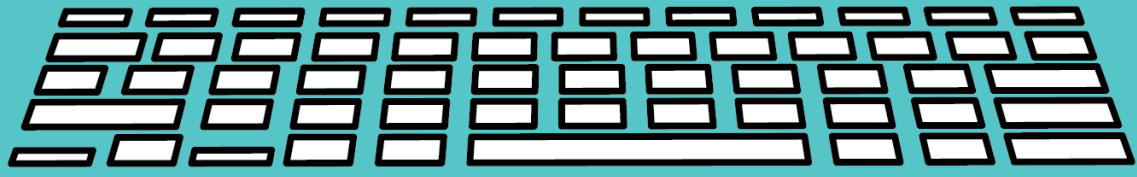


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2. What was the name of their god?		10. Djoser divided Egypt into different ___.	
3. What pharaoh ruled during the Third Dynasty?		11. Another name for the Old Kingdom is the ___ of ___.	
4. What dynasty was the peak of the Old Kingdom?		12. The ___ pyramid is the Great Pyramid at ___.	
5. What is a period of no rain called?		13. The Old Kingdom was the ___ of the ___.	
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OLD KINGDOM

For over 3000 years, between 2575 BC and 2150 BC, Ancient Egypt went through a period called the Old Kingdom. This was the first kingdom where each pharaoh ruled. When Ancient Egypt was doing very well, it was called the Old Kingdom. This is the Age of Pyramids because the pyramids were built during this time. The capital of Egypt during the Old Kingdom was Memphis.

There were four main periods during the Old Kingdom. The Early Bronze Age in Mesopotamia. A dynasty of a royal family who ruled the land over a long period of time. The Old Kingdom went through the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Dynasties. So, the Old Kingdom was the Seventh and Eighth Dynasties as part of the kingdom.

The period before the First Kingdom is 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 Egyptian 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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Pyramids built on the west bank of the Nile River were a very big part of the Old Kingdom. They were built as burial tombs for pharaohs. Pharaoh Djoser had a great deal of money and built the first pyramid, the Pyramid of Djoser. The largest pyramid was also built during this time under the rule of the Fourth Dynasty, called the Great Pyramid at Giza. It is over 400 feet tall and took 20 years to build. It was built as a tomb for Pharaoh Khufu and held many of his treasures. Egyptians believed the pharaoh's soul stayed alive and so in the pyramids, they stored their treasured belongings as well as food and clothes for the afterlife. They also believed they would reunite with Ra, their Sun-god, after death. The Great Sphinx was carved from a massive block of limestone during the Fourth Dynasty. A Sphinx was a creature with the head of a human (usually a pharaoh or a god) and the body of a lion, with paws that were 24 feet long. The Great Sphinx is one of the oldest statues in the world and was built to guard and protect the tombs of Giza.

Education was a big part of life for those who were wealthy. They were able to learn how to read and write and were considered to be powerful because of this. They went on to get high ranking jobs such as scribes, members of the system called hieroglyphics), priests, government officials and leaders of the army.

During the Fifth Dynasty, things began to fall apart. The governors of the nomes started ignoring the pharaoh's rule as they grew more powerful. Egypt also went through a period of drought (no rain) and there was not enough food. So, the government fell, and Egypt split up into smaller states.

The First Intermediate Period lasted for about 150 years. It was a terrible time of civil war, until eventually the Old Kingdom began.

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