

# 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

# GREAT SPHINX

Ancient Egypt was established along the Nile River in Africa. The ancient Egyptians had many beliefs. In their religion, the two most important figures were gods and pharaohs. Pharaohs were the rulers of the Egyptian civilization (a group of people with their own way of life). They were so important that they were also viewed as gods. The word pharaoh means "great house." The pharaohs were the head of both government and religion. Their religion had many gods, each one representing different parts of life such as the sun (Ra), the sky (Horus) and knowledge (Thoth).

Over the 3000 years that the civilization existed, the Egyptians built many structures. Pyramids, monuments, and temples were some of the most significant ones. The Cultus was a temple built to house a specific god and the Mortuary temple was built to worship a dead pharaoh. The civilization also built statues of sphinxes, which were mythological creatures with the body of a lion and the head of a person. They believed these statues would guard and protect important places such as tombs.

Around 2500 BC, a famous sphinx statue was built called The Great Sphinx. This is one of the oldest statues in the world. It is one of the largest, at 241 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 66 feet high. It was built out of a very large piece of limestone (rock) that stuck out in the desert ground. No one knows who built the Sphinx, but some historians believe it was constructed under the rule of Khafre during the Fourth Dynasty. Historians also estimate that it took around 100 workers over the span of three years to complete the monument.

This sphinx faces the sunrise and was built to guard and protect the pyramid tombs of Giza. This was an area along the west side of the Nile River with three pyramid tombs that were built during the Old Kingdom. The Old Kingdom, also known as Age of the Pyramids, was the

3 What was the sky  
god?



De



An



Hor



Thoth

4 What type of temple  
was built to worship  
a dead pharaoh?



Mortuary



Cultus



Tricolor



Embalmers

5 A sphinx had the  
body of a \_\_\_\_\_ and  
the head of a person.



Snake



Tiger



Lamb



Lion

6 Which kingdom was  
known as the 'Age  
of the Pyramid'?



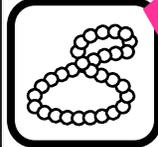
Ancient



Old



Middle



New

7

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



Ledge



Chamber



Monetary



Cultus

8

What was the Great Sphinx made of?



Granite



Coriander



Marble



Limestone

9

The Old Kingdom began with the \_\_\_\_\_ Dynasty of pharaohs.



Second



Third



Fourth



Fifth

10

When Thutmose had a dream, what was the name of the statue?



Amenemhat



Harmakhat



Thutmose



Gizah

# 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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LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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