

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

ANCIENT EGYPT

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 as well as their own ways of government. Ancient Egypt was ruled by over 30 dynasties for over three thousand years. It was an extremely powerful civilization located along the Nile River, the longest river in the world.

The Nile River, located in northern 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 and flax easy to grow. When the river flooded every year, it would renew the soil and make it rich again for new crops. Ancient Egyptians called the Nile "Aur", which means 'black' for the black soil that resulted from flooding. Akhet refers to the season of river flooding, Peret was the growing season and Shemu was the season of harvest. Transportation was also a very important part of the river. It allowed people to travel faster on boat to different sites in Egypt.

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 hieroglyphics for many years and began their training around the age of six.

Ancient Egypt is also known for the pyramids. Pyramids are very large structures made of rocks and stones. The pyramids are so large, that archeologists are still unsure how exactly they built them at the time. Pyramids were built to act as memorials and burial sites for pharaohs, the leaders of the civilization. Many treasures could be found in the pyramids. This was because Egyptians believed that in order to be successful in the

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Ancient Egypt went through _____ main seasons.



5



6



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_____ was the growing season.



Peret



Akhet



Shemu



Aur

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In 30 BC, the _____ took over Egypt.



Mongols



Hessians



Germans



Romans

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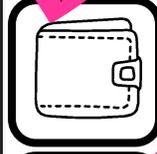
At what age did scribes begin their training?



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



Akhet



Meret



Karnak



Giza

8

Who was the god of the sky?



Osiris



Thoth



Ra



Horus

9

Ancient Egyptians called the Nile "Aur", which means '_____'



Blue



Black



Grow



Crops

10

_____ refers to the cause of river flooding.



Meret



Akhet



Giza



Luxor

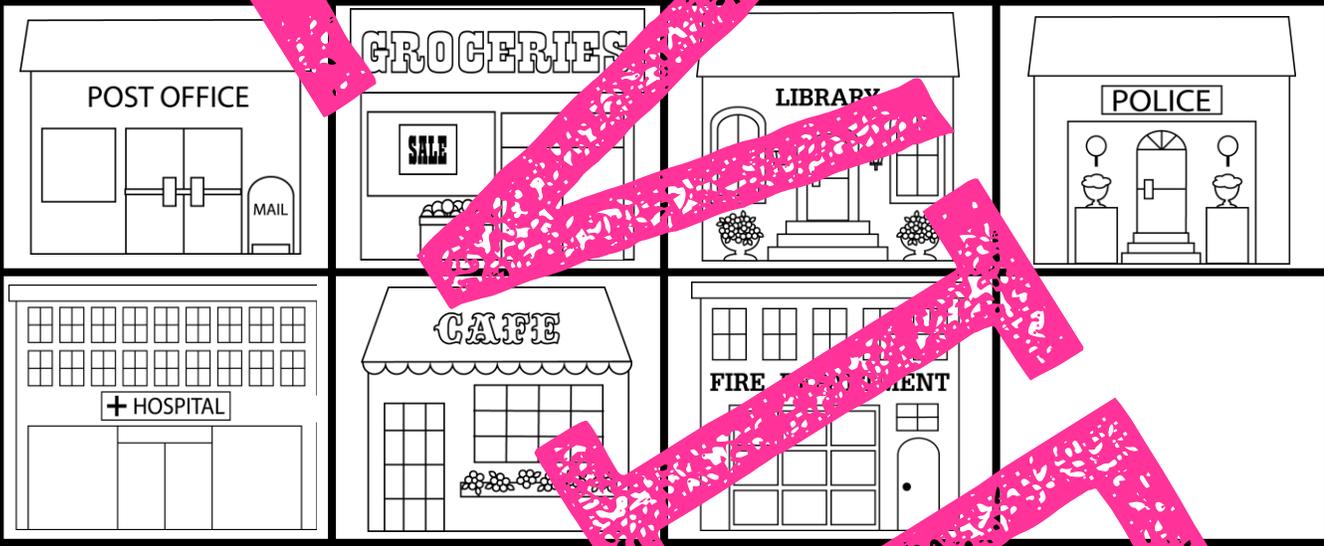
CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

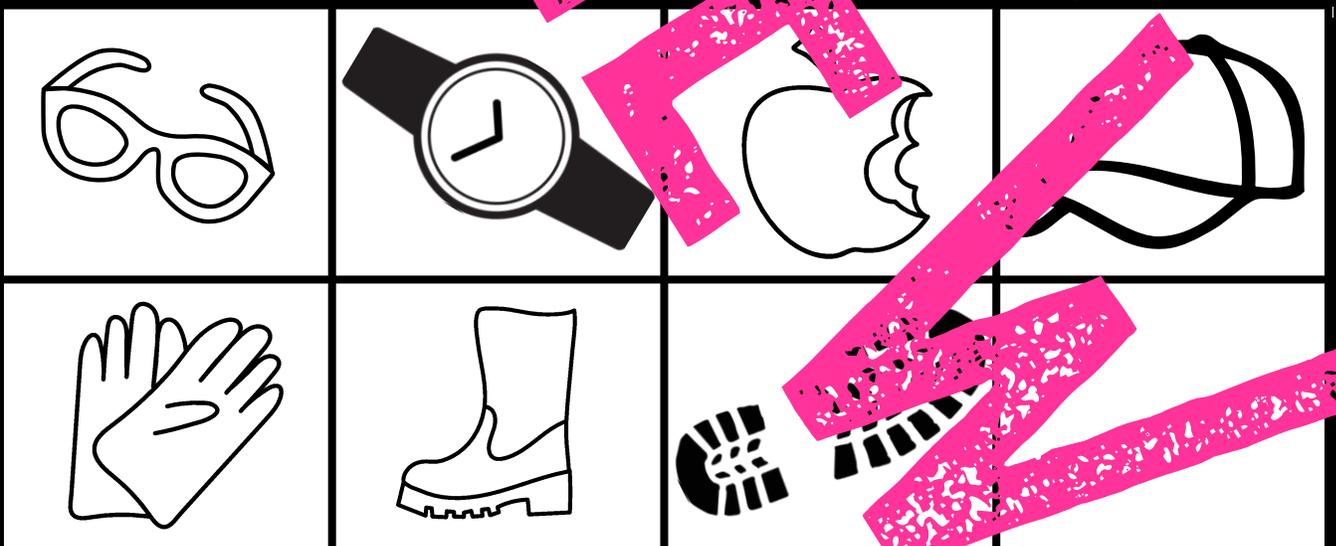
SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

CONGRATULATIONS

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THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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