

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 10 SHORT PASSAGES
- ✓ 10 QUESTION TRAILS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

1 Ancient Egypt, a great civilization that lasted 3,000 years in Africa, had many pharaohs. Pharaohs were the kings or leaders and were viewed as gods. The civilization, which is a group of people with their own way of life, went through three distinct periods where

3 Tutankhamun was born to the pharaoh Akhenaten around the year 1341 BC. Akhenaten had many wives, however his main wife, a powerful woman by the name of Nefertiti, only had daughters. Tutankhamun was born to another one of the pharaoh's wives. Nefertiti wished she had a son so he would be the next pharaoh, so she disliked Tutankhamun greatly.

➔ Tutankhamun meant "the ___ image of Amun". **CODE WORD**

5 When the pharaoh Akhenaten died, Tutankhamun was still a young boy. In order to rule Egypt, he had the help of a general and his vizier, who is the

7 King Tut ruled for just ten years and died at the age of 19. His body was mummified, which means it was wrapped in cloth. This was a religious belief that Ancient Egyptians practiced as a way of keeping the body preserved for a long time. People who prepared the dead bodies for the afterlife were called embalmers.

➔ King Tut was known as "The ___". **CODE WORD**

9 King Tut's sarcophagus was the most famous one to date. It was a great pyramid located in Thebes, an area where the most powerful pharaohs lived. Embalmers placed a 24-pound mask on his head and shoulders. Inside his three golden coffins, a gold and four wooden shrines were placed. The entrance to the tomb had been blocked by stones.

➔ What were people who prepared dead bodies for called?

10 A man by the name of Howard Carter found the tomb in 1922 and found

TEACHER DIRECTIONS

THIS SCAVENGER HUNT HAS TWO PARTS:

Part 1: Kids will read 10 short passages which contain a "clue" or code word. After finishing each passage, students will need to write them down on the recording sheet.

Part 2: Using the code word on each reading card, students will unscramble the letters in the gray boxes to find the code word.

All you have to do is print the 10 reading cards and hide them! The more difficult the reading cards are, the more FUN the kids have AND the longer they will take to find the code words.

You will need to print **PAGE 10** for EVERY student.

ANSWER SHEET

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words. FOUND CARD #

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FINAL CODE ANSWER:

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you.

WORD

SUMMARIZE

TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL SUPPORTING DETAIL SUPPORTING DETAIL

4 DIGIT CODE

Next, using the numbers in the FOUND column in the SAME order in which you recorded them above, follow these clues.

Eliminate the highest and lowest number in the FOUND column.

Get rid of all numbers that are spelled with just one letter.

Eliminate numbers that start with the letter _____.

FINAL CODE

4 numbers remain (in order you listed them)?

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10 READING CARDS

1 Ancient Egypt, a great civilization 3,000 years in Africa, had many Pharaohs. Pharaohs were the kings or leaders viewed as gods. The civilization, a group of people with their own way of life, went through three distinct periods. They were united and prosperous. The periods were called the Old Kingdom, the Middle Kingdom, and the New Kingdom.

What did Akhenaten change the capital city to?

3 Tutankhamun was born to the pharaoh Akhenaten in 1341 BC. Akhenaten had many wives, but his main wife, a powerful woman by the name of Nefertiti, only had daughters. Tutankhamun was born to another one of the pharaoh's wives. Nefertiti wished she had a son so he would be the next pharaoh, so she disliked Tutankhamun greatly.

Tutankhamun meant "the living image of Amun".

5 When the pharaoh Akhenaten died, Tutankhamun was still a young boy. In order to rule Egypt, he had the help of a general and his vizier, who is the person under the pharaoh in charge of many tasks. His vizier was named Ay, and the general was named Horemheb.

Ancient Egypt went through the Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom and New Kingdom.

2 One very well-known pharaoh was Tutankhamun who was a king during the New Kingdom. He is nicknamed "The Boy King" because he became pharaoh when he was very young.

4 When Akhenaten was pharaoh, he made changes to Egypt that many did not like. Ancient Egyptian religion believed in many gods, however, he changed their belief system to only worship Aten, the sun god. People did not have a choice and were forced to worship only Aten.

During the 18th Dynasty, Tutankhamun and his advisors tried to return Egypt back to its old ways. He restored old temples and did not force the worship of just the sun god, but instead of all the gods. He also returned the capital city from Amarna to Memphis. Tutankhamun even changed his name from Tutankhaten, which meant "the living image of Aten," to Tutankhamun which meant "the living image of Amun" (known as the king of gods). He built temples at Karnak in Thebes (modern-day Luxor) dedicated to the gods.

7 King Tut ruled for just a few years. He died at the age of 18 and was mummified, wrapped in cloth. Ancient Egyptian belief that Amun was a god of the body preserved the body. People prepared dead bodies for the afterlife called embalmers.

He is known as "The Boy King".

6 King Tut's sarcophagus was a great work of art. It was found in the Valley of the Kings at Thebes, an area in Egypt where most powerful pharaohs were buried. Embalmers placed a 24-pound gold mask over his head and shoulders. He was buried in three golden coffins, a granite sarcophagus and four wooden shrines. Within decades, the entrance to King Tut's tomb had been blocked by stone and debris.

What were people who prepared dead bodies for afterlife called?

8 No one knows what exactly killed him. How long after inspecting his mummy, archeologists found a wound on his leg. Evidence shows that he had a cleft palate, clubbed left foot, malaria, Koolhaas disease, curved spine, broken right leg, and a weak immune system. Some experts think that he fell off his horse. This may have caused blood poisoning from a wound on his left thigh, which led to his death. Other historians have different theories about his death, including murder.

What position, under King Tut, did Ay hold?

10 A man by the name of Howard Carter discovered the tomb in 1922 and found the pharaoh's tomb. Inside was a nest of 3 coffins. His pyramid remained untouched for thousands of years by thieves. However, this pyramid still has treasures. Over 5,000 pieces were discovered, including statues and gold to paintings. The tomb also had beds, chariots, games, artwork, masks, girdles, walking sticks, and weapons. It took Howard Carter 10 years to catalog all of the items found in the tomb.

What was the name of Akhenaten's main wife?

ANSWER SHEET

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FINAL WORD ANSWER

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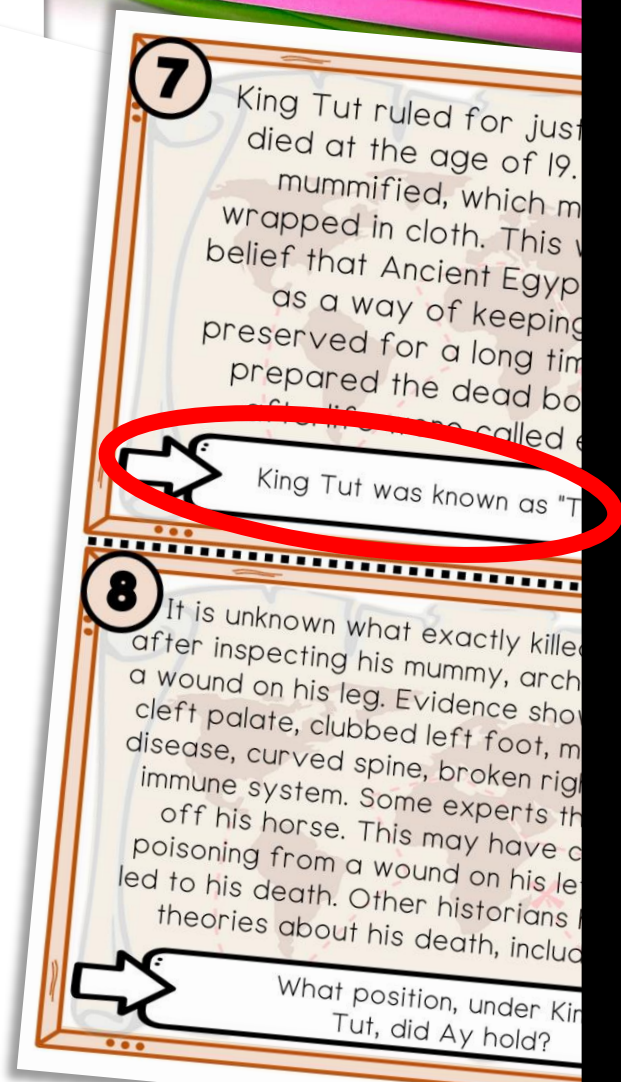
FINAL CODE
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HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1** Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 10 reading cards scattered around the room.
- 2** Students read the passage and look at the question at the bottom labeled "code word".
- 3** The code word for THAT card number will lead them to a different card. But here's the catch... students will NOT know where to find the code word answer so they will have to skim, browse and revisit the reading cards several times to find the answer they are seeking.



COMBINATION



This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ✓ **movement**
- ✓ **close reading**
- ✓ **comprehension skills**
- ✓ **mystery words & codes**
- ✓ **citing evidence**
- ✓ **critical thinking**




Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

OPTIONS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

-  ANTICIPATORY SETS
-  EARLY FINISHERS
-  STATIONS
-  SUB PLANS
-  PARTNER WORK
-  ENRICHMENT

-  MOVEMENT
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

