

# 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

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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END

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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END

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BEGINNING

# EGYPTIAN PHARAHOHS

The pharaoh was the ruler of Ancient Egypt in Africa. This civilization, with the unique religion and way of life, was very powerful and lasted about 3000 years. Pharaohs were the leaders of the government and religion. Historians think there were at least 170 pharaohs in total.

The name pharaoh means "great house." Most pharaohs were male, however, there were four female pharaohs. Hatshepsut was the first known female pharaoh. Usually, a son would inherit the title from his father. The wife of the pharaoh was also a very powerful ruler and was known as the "Great Royal Wife."

Pharaohs wore a crown with an image of the cobra goddess on it. Only the pharaoh was allowed to wear the cobra. They believed the cobra goddess would spit flames at their enemies and protect the pharaohs.

Ancient Egypt's timeline is divided into three kingdoms. These were times when both upper and lower Egypt was under the rule of one pharaoh and the civilization was running well. These kingdoms were known as the Old Kingdom, the Middle Kingdom, and the New Kingdom. Historians believe there were 31 dynasties over the 3000 years of ancient Egyptian history. A dynasty is a ruling family that keeps power and passes it from father to son.

Because of how important pharaohs were, some people even believing them to be gods, they built themselves great tombs for the afterlife. They stored many treasures along with their mummified body (a body wrapped in cloth to be preserved). They believed they needed these treasures to live happily in the afterlife when their body and soul reunited. During the Old Kingdom, pharaohs built themselves pyramids with their tombs inside. Today, Egypt is known for these incredible structures.

Evidence suggests that one of the first pharaohs was Narmer. Narmer belonged to the 1st Dynasty. He brought the upper and lower Egypt region together and made Memphis the capital.

Djoser was a pharaoh from the 3rd Dynasty. His  contribution

3 Ancient Egypt went through \_\_\_\_\_ main dynasties.



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4 Who built more statues and monuments than any other pharaoh?



Ramses II



Akhenaten



Cleopatra



Narmer

5 Historians believe there were \_\_\_\_\_ dynasties.



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6 Who had the major contribution of the Step Pyramid?



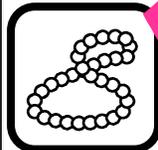
Narmer



Djoser



Hemenept



Amenhotep III

7 Who is known for creating the Great Pyramids at Giza?



Akhenaten



Khufu



Amunhotep III



Khufu

8 Akhenaten forced people to only worship \_\_\_\_.



Osiris



Thoth



Ra



Aten

9 How long did King Tut rule for?



5 years



10 years



15 years



20 years

10 A Roman leader by the name of \_\_\_\_ took control of Egypt.



Cleopatra IX



Octavian



Caesar



Thutmose III

# 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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