ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	This vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers, an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.

GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

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TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK

EARN THIS!

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

writing	Nile	six
life	studied	Africa
Pharaoh	wheat	30

Ancient Egypt was a civilization that started in 3100 BC. A civilization is a group of people who have their own way of _____. They speak their own language, have their own agriculture methods as well as their own ways of government. Ancient Egypt was ruled by _____ dynasties for over three thousand years. It was an extremely powerful civilization located along the _____ River, the longest river in the world.

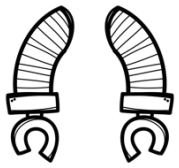
The Nile River, located in northeast _____, brought many benefits. Because Egypt was in a desert, it was difficult to grow crops. However, the soil by the Nile was very fertile and rich and allowed for great growth. The fertile soil made crops like papyrus, _____, and flax easy to grow. When the river 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. _____ was the growing season, and Shemu was the season of harvest. The transportation was also a very important part of the river. It allowed people to travel faster on boat to different cities 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 _____ 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 _____ hieroglyphics for many years and began their training around the age of _____.

Ancient Egypt is also known for the pyramids. Pyramids are very large structures made of rocks and stones. The pyramids are so large, that archaeologists are still unsure how exactly they built them at that time. Pyramids were built to act as

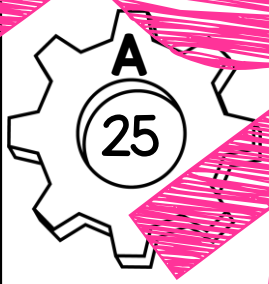
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TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



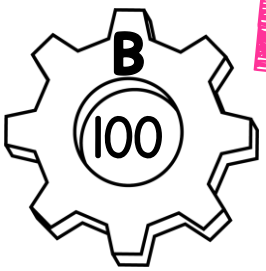
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Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE gears.



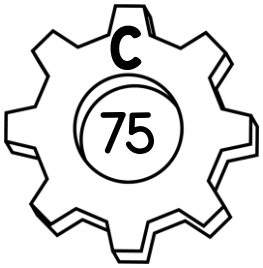
A. Ancient Egypt lasted over 3,000 years.

B. Ancient Egypt was located in northeast Asia.



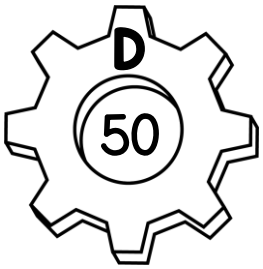
C. Shemu was the season of harvest.

D. Pharaohs controlled the government and religion.



E. A civilization is a group of people who have their own way of life.

F. Those who knew how to read and write hieroglyphics were called Sirs.



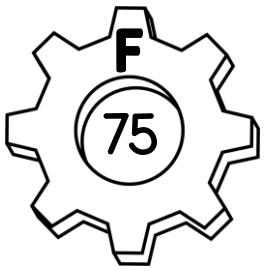
G. The first to conquer Egypt was the Assyrian Empire.

H. The Great Pyramid at Giza is the largest pyramid in Egypt.



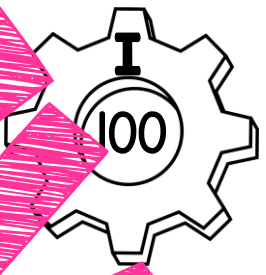
I. Horus was the god of the sky.

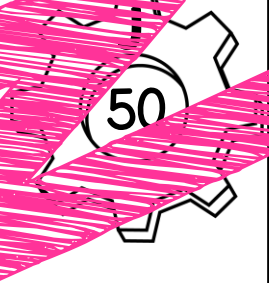
J. The first known pyramid was built to bury King Tut.









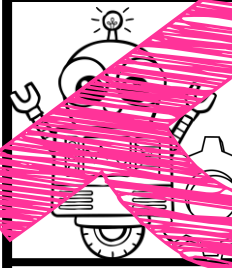


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TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.

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1. Where was Ancient Egypt located?
A. Asia
B. Africa
C. Australia
D. South America

2. ____ refers to the season of river flooding.
A. Taiga
B. Peret
C. Akhet
D. Shemu

3. Who was the god of knowledge?
A. Osiris
B. Thoth
C. Horus
D. Aten

4. Ancient Egypt went through ___ main kingdoms.
A. 2
B. 3
C. 4
D. 5

5. How many dynasties ruled Ancient Egypt?
A. Over 500
B. Over 300
C. Over 75
D. Over 30

6. The first known pyramid was built to bury ____.
A. Cleopatra
B. Pharaoh Ramses II
C. King Tut
D. Pharaoh Djoser

7. Ancient Egyptians called the Nile "Aur", which means '____' soil.
A. Blue
B. Black
C. Green
D. Brown

8. Mummies were placed in a tomb called a ___.
A. Sarcophagus
B. Peret
C. Horus
D. Aur

9. Those who knew how to read and write hieroglyphics were called ___.
A. Clergy
B. Nobles
C. Viziers
D. Scribes

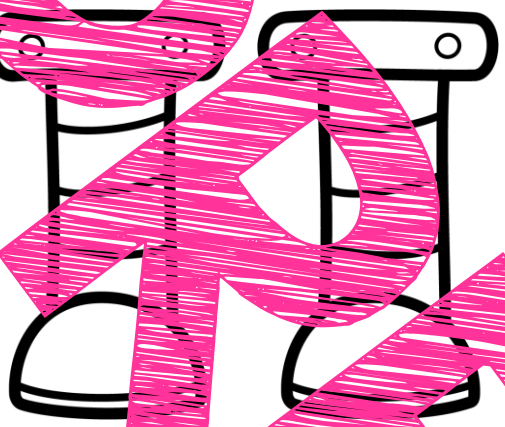
10. What river was Ancient Egypt located along?
A. Amazon
B. Rhine
C. Nile
D. Rhone

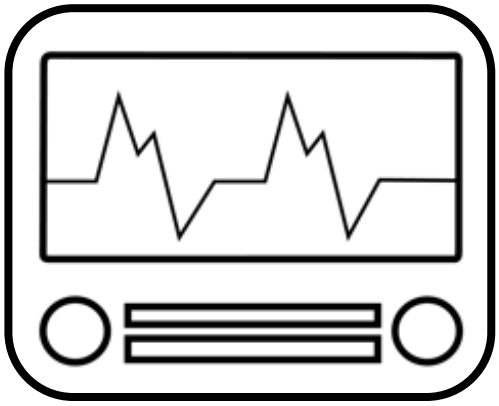
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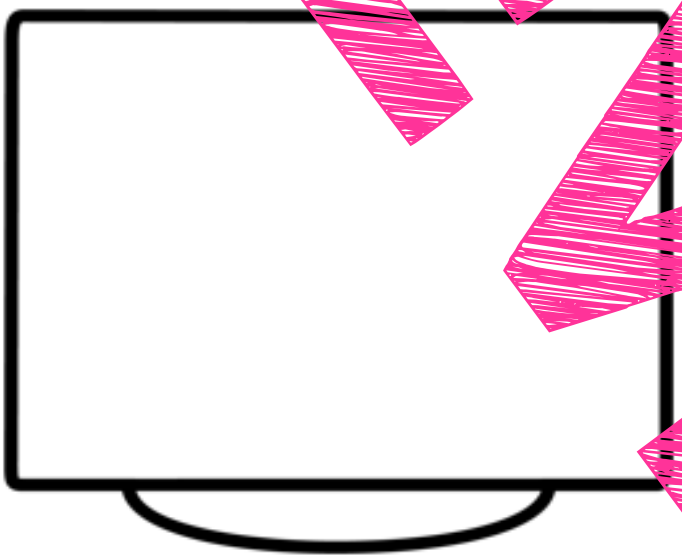
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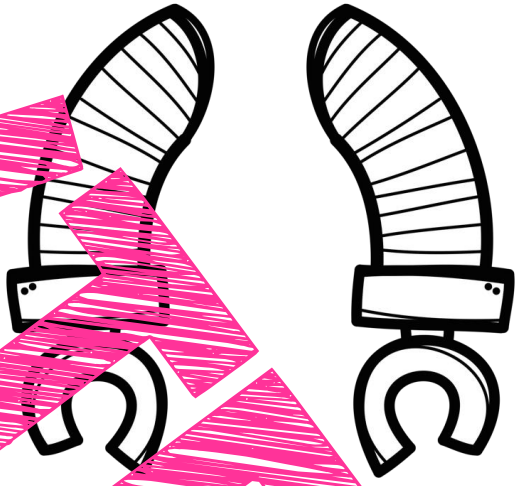
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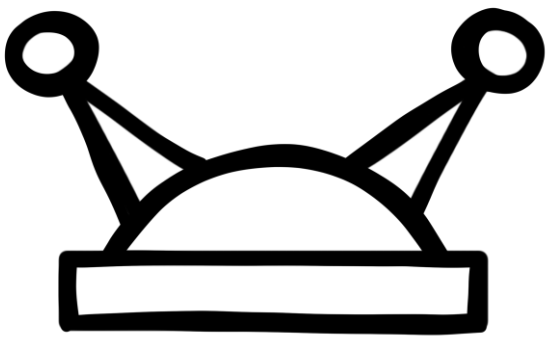
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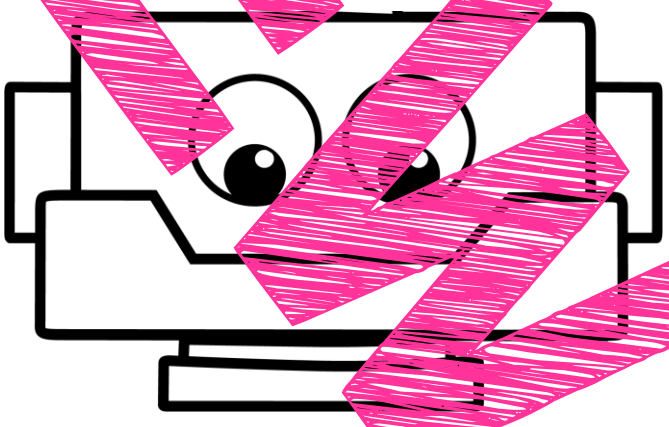










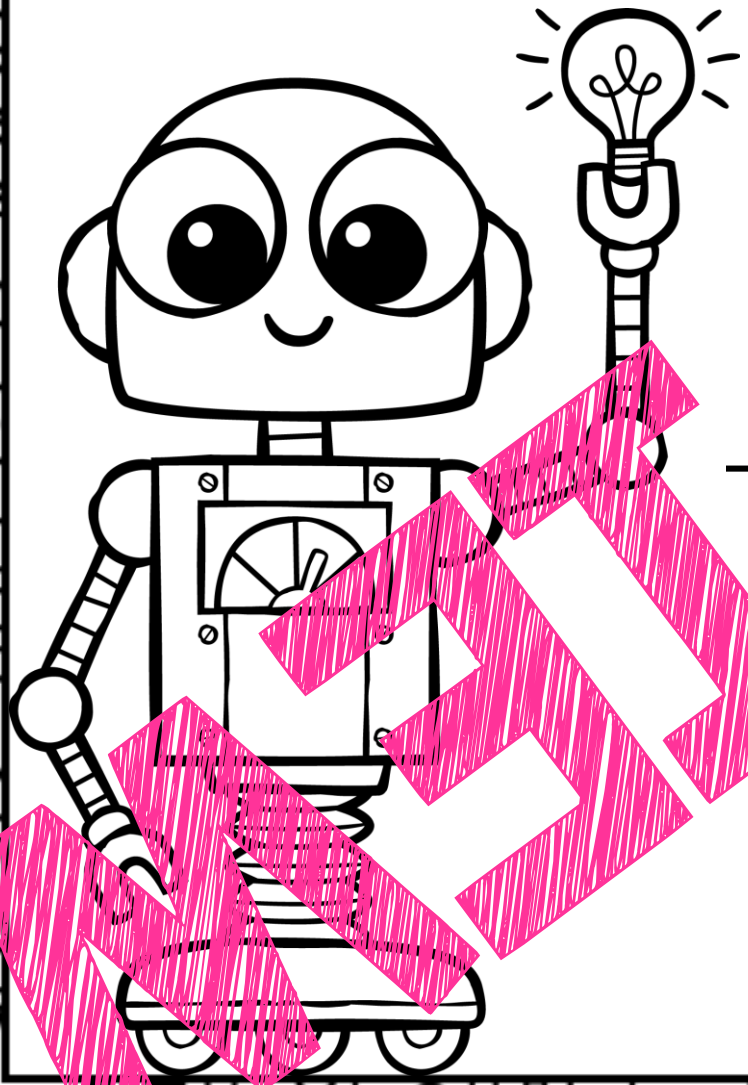


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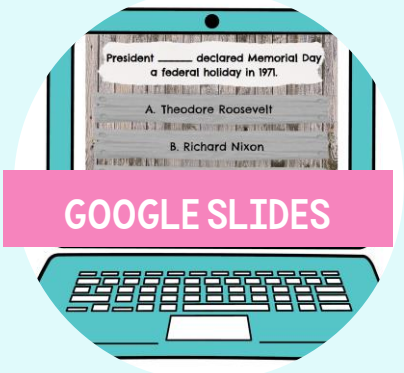








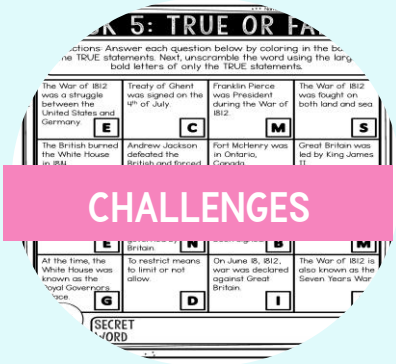












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