

# Ancient Egypt Scavenger Hunt Activity

## Materials:

- 18 ancient Egypt fact cards (pages 2–6)
- ancient Egypt questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

## Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the ancient Egypt questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 ancient Egypt fact cards around your classroom where students will be able



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## Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other. You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

## Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

*Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.*



### Scavenger Hunt

## Ancient Egypt

Fact Card

# 1



Egyptian kings weren't called pharaohs until the New Kingdom (around 1570–1070 B.C.E.). It was also like a nickname, not a real title.

It referenced the "great house"

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Fact Card

# 2



Black kohl eye makeup didn't just look pretty!

It helped protect against germs and the bright sun. It also helped the wearer look more like the gods.

Men and women



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## Ancient Egypt

# 3



Mummies' linen bandages helped keep out water. They also helped the body keep shape. The most heavily wrapped mummies used nearly 1 mile (1.6 km) of bandages.

## Ancient Egypt

# 4



Egyptians didn't just mummify people. They mummified animals in the tens of millions! One cemetery in Beni Hasan had more than 200,000 animal mummies.



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Fact Card

# 5

The Great Sphinx of Giza faces perfectly east, toward the rising sun. The 240-foot-long (73-meter-long) statue was likely built between 2558–2532 B.C.E.



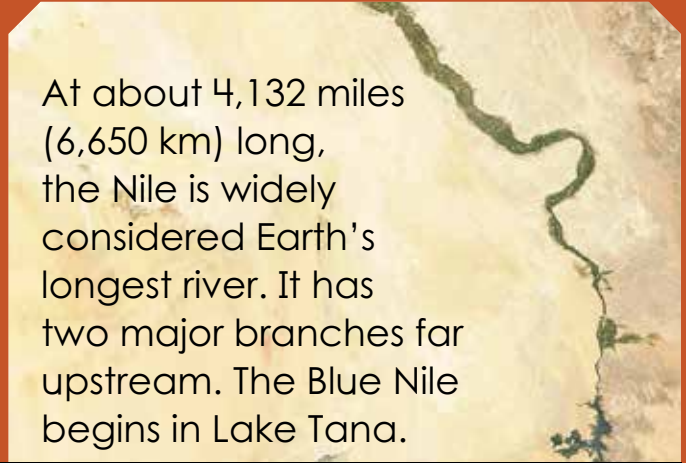
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Fact Card

# 6

At about 4,132 miles (6,650 km) long, the Nile is widely considered Earth's longest river. It has two major branches far upstream. The Blue Nile begins in Lake Tana.



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## Ancient Egypt

# 7

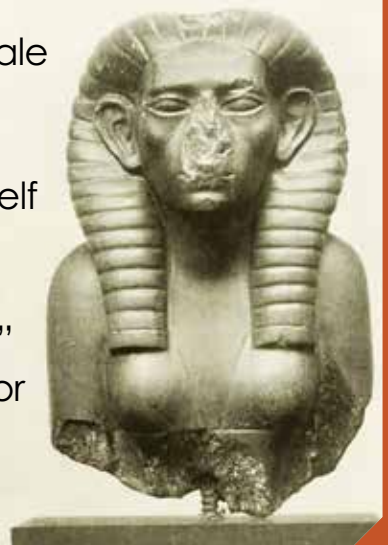


Reading hieroglyphics isn't easy. Pictures can stand for sounds, words, or full ideas. They can also be written left to right, right to left, or top to bottom.

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# 8

Egypt's first full, confirmed female ruler was Sobekneferu. She called herself a king, not a pharaoh. The term "pharaoh" wouldn't exist for a few hundred more years!







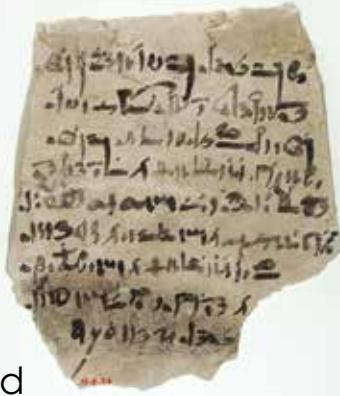
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Fact Card

# 9

Few ancient Egyptians could read or write. Even fewer could read or write hieroglyphics. Both Hieratic and



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Fact Card

# 10

King Djoser built Egypt's first pyramid. Its base was 358 × 397 feet (109 × 121 meters) and it was 205 feet (62 meters) tall.



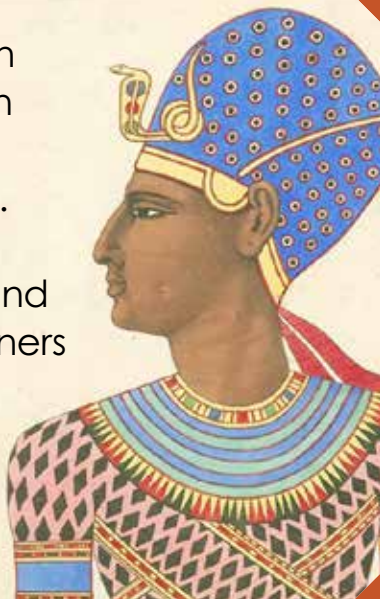
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# 11

Pharaohs often had more than one wife and many children. Ramses II had 8 royal wives and up to 200 partners in all. He also had between 88–103 children!



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# 12



The Great Pyramid's topmost stone, called a capstone, has been missing for thousands of years. Some think it was made of gold. Most likely it was limestone, basalt, or granite.



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Fact Card

# 13



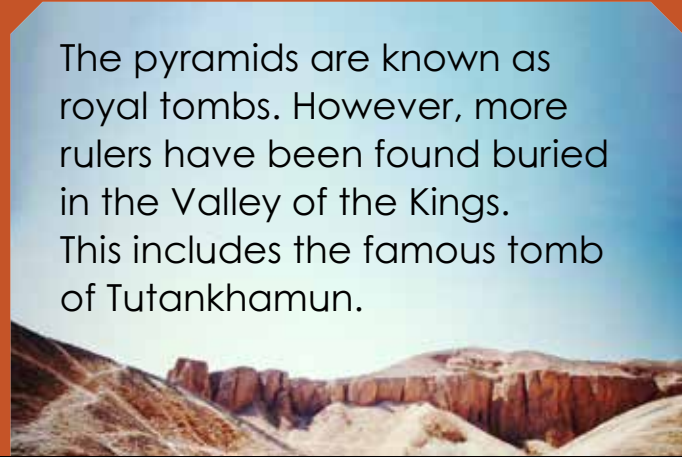
Pharaohs had clean-shaven faces. However, beards were symbols of godly power because some important gods had them. That's why

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Fact Card

# 14



The pyramids are known as royal tombs. However, more rulers have been found buried in the Valley of the Kings. This includes the famous tomb of Tutankhamun.



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## Ancient Egypt

# 15



Cleopatra VII was the last pharaoh of Egypt. But she wasn't truly Egyptian! She was the last in a long line of

Macedonian rulers first named pharaohs in 305 B.C.E.

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# 16

The first known man-made color is Egyptian blue. It isn't found in nature. Ancient Egyptians mixed minerals like copper and lime to get a color similar to stones like turquoise and lapis lazuli.





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Fact Card

# 17

Ancient Egyptian women had more rights than most women at the time. The law treated them mostly equal to men. They could own and sell land. They could work a number of jobs. They could even own a business.

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Fact Card

# 18

An Egyptian mummy kept its heart. The gods weighed the heart against a feather. If it was heavier, the crocodile-lion-hippo goddess Ammit



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# Ancient Egypt Scavenger Hunt

**Fact Card 1:** How many royal titles did Egyptian kings and pharaohs have?

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**Fact Card 2:** What did kohl eye makeup help protect against?

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**Fact Card 3:** How long could the bandages of heavily wrapped mummies stretch?



**Fact Card 6:** The Nile is fed mainly by which two lakes?

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**Fact Card 7:** Which direction(s) can hieroglyphics be written in?

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**Fact Card 8:** Why didn't Sobekneferu call herself a pharaoh?

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**Fact Card 9:** What were three ancient Egyptian writing systems?

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**Fact Card 10:** How tall was Egypt's first pyramid?

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**Fact Card 11:** How many children did Ramses II have?

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**Fact Card 12:** What was the Great Pyramid's capstone most likely made of?

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**Fact Card 15:** When did the first Macedonian ruler of Egypt name himself pharaoh?

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**Fact Card 16:** What is the first known man-made color? Which stones was it similar to?

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**Fact Card 17:** How did Egyptian law treat women compared to men?

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**Fact Card 18:** Which goddess doomed people to the underworld? How?

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**Fact Card 2:** What did kohl eye makeup help protect against?



**Fact Card 9:** What were three ancient Egyptian writing systems?

**hieroglyphics, Hieratic, and Demotic**

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**Ammit; by eating their hearts**