

The H.O.T. Spot

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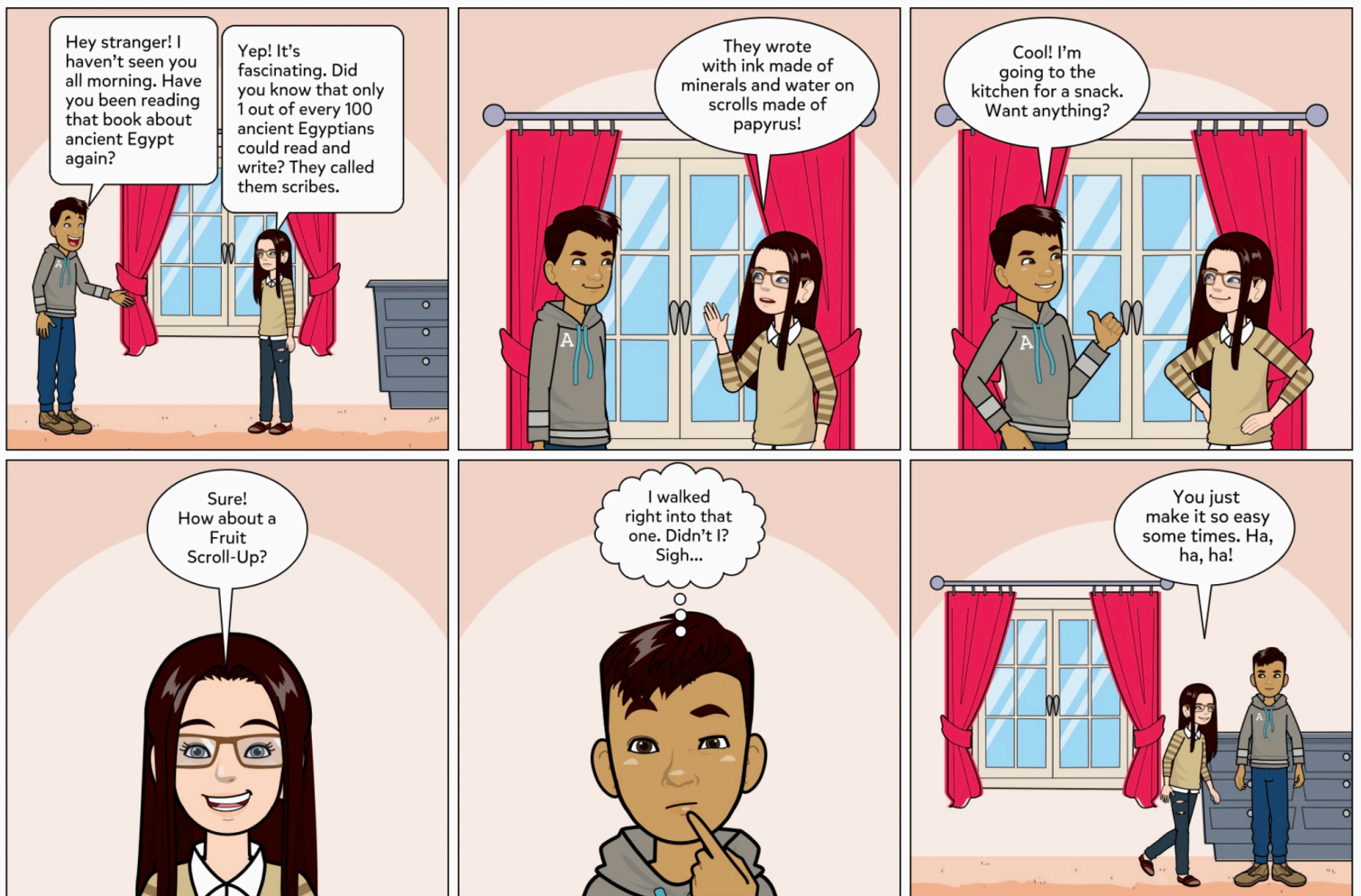
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CAUTION: Participation may lead to a lack of boredom and a tired brain!

FEATURED TOPIC THIS WEEK:

Ancient Egypt





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Did You Know?

If you unwrapped an ancient Egyptian mummy, the bandages would stretch 1.6 kilometers or 0.994 miles long.

The internal organs were removed before mummification and stored in canopic jars so that the person could use them in the afterlife.

Help Wanted

A person who studies people and cultures of the past is called an **archeologist**.

Education

- At least a bachelor's degree in anthropology
- Advanced degree preferred

Necessary Skills

- Problem solving and flexibility
- An interest in history
- Excellent research skills
- Project planning

Typical Duties

- Desk based research and analysis
- Use survey equipment and excavate digs
- Classify and preserve artifacts
- Write up findings for publication

Bio-Profile

Six of the most famous Egyptian Pharaohs are listed below. Conduct a little research and create your own Pharaoh trading cards with vital statistics and an illustration.

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| - Ramses. | - Khufu |
| - Cleopatra | - Tutankhamun |
| - Hatshepsut. | - Akhenaten |

Mystery Picture of the Week

Can you guess which ancient Egyptian god you are looking at?



This is Horus, a god in the form of a falcon. His right eye was the sun representing power and his left eye was the moon representing healing.

Virtual Field Trip

Explore over 3,000 years of ancient Egyptian history by going to:

www.ancient-Egypt.org

Would You Rather

Face a Nile crocodile *OR* an Egyptian cobra



What do you think the featured topic should be next week? Email your teacher with your thoughts.



History of Hieroglyphics

As you probably know, Egyptians are known for creating a system of picture writing called hieroglyphics. For centuries, modern people did not know how to read them. It wasn't until the Rosetta Stone was discovered in 1799 that the code was deciphered.

Challenge:

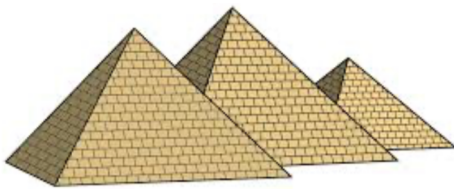
Create your own hieroglyphic alphabet or code and write a message to a friend or family member. See if they can crack it without you! Hopefully it won't take centuries to decode like the Egyptian hieroglyphics did.

Cliff Hangers

This time I have written the ending to a story. Can you write the beginning?

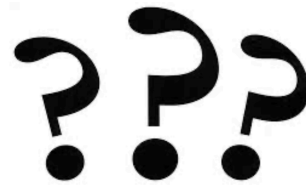
.....Two years of nonstop travel, painstaking research, and harrowing close calls revealed one single truth. The ancient Egyptian legend that had captivated my mind since I was a young child was TRUE. Let those who read this story heed my warning and not repeat the mistakes I have described. For if you do, my fate could become yours.

THE END



Digging Into Depth and Complexity

One of my favorite Kaplan Depth and Complexity Model icons is **unanswered question**.



An unanswered question is something that is unsolved, unproven, or unclear. List as many unanswered questions you can think of about Ancient Egypt. The more you have the better.

Now, take a look at your list. Choose one of your questions and invest quality time researching and investigating an answer. Have fun and good luck!

Brain Teaser of the Week

Fill in the missing numbers in each square.

