

Explorer's Field Journal

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Fill this in AS you play. One box for every place you visit.

Name: _____ Date: _____

You are a historian travelling the River Nile. At every stop, read the cards, then write down what you found before you move on. A real historian never trusts memory — they write it down.

STOP 1 — River Nile

Why did people build their homes right beside the Nile? Give two reasons.

What is the land like away from the river?

New word I learned here: _____ ★ Stars earned: ____ / 3

What it means: _____

STOP 2 — Everyday Life

Who was at the very top of Egypt's society pyramid, and who filled the wide bottom?

Name one game an Egyptian child played. How is it like a game you play?

New word I learned here: _____ ★ Stars earned: ____ / 3

What it means: _____

STOP 3 — Farm Village

What does a shaduf do, and why did farmers need one?

Flax and papyrus were two special plants. What was each one used for?

New word I learned here: _____ ★ Stars earned: ____ / 3

What it means: _____

STOP 4 — Scribe's School

How are hieroglyphs different from the alphabet you write with?

What was a scribe's job? Name two things a scribe kept track of.

New word I learned here: _____ ★ Stars earned: ____ / 3

What it means: _____

STOP 5 — Pyramids of Giza

Write down two numbers about the Great Pyramid that surprised you.

What did the pyramid look like when it was brand new?

New word I learned here: _____ ★ Stars earned: ____ / 3

What it means: _____

STOP 6 — Tombs & Mummies

Put mummification in order: what happened first, next, and last?

What was a shabti for? Why would somebody want one?

New word I learned here: _____ ★ Stars earned: ____ / 3

What it means: _____

Now Think Like a Historian



Big Idea: Finish this sentence and be ready to defend it out loud: "A civilisation grows strong when its people _____." Use one thing the Egyptians invented as your proof.



Unanswered Questions: Nobody wrote down exactly how the pyramids were built. Write two questions about ancient Egypt that you do not think anybody can answer for certain.



Over Time: Egypt lasted about 3,000 years. Which of your six stops do you think changed Egypt the most? Circle it below and say why.

River Nile • Everyday Life • Farm Village • Scribe's School • Pyramids of Giza • Tombs & Mummies

My total stars: _____ / 18 My favourite stop was _____