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TITLE OF UNIT: Build like an Egyptian

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Subject Area: Social Studies

Grade Level(s): 6th

Time Frame to Allow for Unit: Two to Four 40-minute periods

Introduction: Brief Description of the Unit

Students will discover the elements of Egyptian architecture as they research famous Egyptian sites. After sharing their findings in group presentations students will analyze examples of Egyptian revival style for their “authentic” Egyptian elements.

Geographic Connections: Related to Summer Institute Themes

Students will explore the connection between Ancient Egypt and its impact on later art/architecture.

Students will develop a chronological and spatial understanding of Egyptian history by placing artifacts on a map and timeline of Ancient Egypt.

Vocabulary: Terms, Concepts and Actors

- cornice
- molding
- pylon
- revival
- sphinx
- obelisk
- granite
- limestone
- dynasty
- kingdom

Stage 1 – Desired Results

Common Core Content Standard(s):

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.2 Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.7 Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2d Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

Understanding (s)/Goals:

Students will understand that:

- Egyptians built a number of significant structures throughout the dynastic periods and throughout the Egyptian region.
- There are key characteristics to ancient Egyptian architecture.
- Modern architecture sometimes incorporates aspects of ancient Egyptian architecture.

Essential Question(s) Related to Theme(s):

What characteristics of ancient Egyptian architecture are illustrated in famous archeological sites?

Student Objectives (Outcomes):

Students will be able to:

- Analyze source material to gather information about an archeological site while working in groups.
- Create and present a brief oral presentation about their assigned site while working in groups.
- Individually write a “tweet” (concise description) of their archeological site.
- Identify aspects of ancient Egyptian architecture in “modern” examples.

Stage 2 – Assessment Evidence

Performance Task(s):

- Completion of Research Notes/Template
- Group Presentation
- Individual Tweet
- Closure Label Activity
 - Possible Extension: Written explanation of labeled closure images

Other Evidence:

- Extension of Closure Activity
- Class Discussion/Brainstorm
- Monitoring Group/Individual work

Stage 3 – Learning Plan

Learning Activities:

1) Focus Activity: Egyptian or Not?!?!?

- *Materials:* see attached PowerPoint of Egyptian revival images
- Display each image for class- take a poll- ancient Egypt or not?
- After several images stop and review:
 - Brief discussion of image
 - What made you think something looked Egyptian?
- Create a brainstorm/list of what students believe makes an object look “Egyptian”

2) Group Research and Presentations

- *Materials:* see attached PowerPoint of Famous Egyptian Sites
- Groups will be pre-determined and be heterogeneous. Each group will select an archaeological site. They will be provided with informative resources regarding their particular landmark and Egyptian architecture. Students will be given a template that they will use to guide the note-taking process. Items to be included will be landmark name, date of construction, dynasty, kingdom, pharaoh associated with it, purpose, architectural features that characterize it as “Egyptian.” Students will work for the remainder of Day 1 and approximately 20 minutes of Day 2.
- Each group will be assigned an Egyptian Site
 - Sphinx
 - Pyramids at Giza
 - Abu Simbel
 - Hatshepsut’s Temple – The Temple of Deir El Bahari
 - The White Chapel – Senruset
 - Temple at Karnak – Amun’s Temple
 - King Tut’s Tomb
 - Luxor Temple
 - Step Pyramid of Djoser
 - Temple of Dendur
 - Valley of the Kings
 - Mirgissa (Fort)
- Presentations will take approximately one period (this is dependent upon the number of groups). This will take us to the middle of Day 3.
- Class discussion (teacher led): What characteristics make this site “Egyptian”?
- Upon completion of presentation, students will post their landmark on a timeline according to the year of the landmark’s completion and also on a map of Egypt so that students can develop chronological and geographical awareness. (These may be done as a class and/or as individual students - see resources)

- **Assessment:** “Tweet” Like an Egyptian
 - *Materials:* See attached worksheets/templates
 - Individually, students will write a brief description – a “tweet” – to describe their assigned archeological site. Tweets should consist of approximately 140 characters. Description should include the elements of your presentation. Students will be given a prompt for this homework assignment

3) **Closure**

Students will look at examples of Egyptian revival architecture/art. They will label at least one feature in these later artifacts/sites that make them look “Egyptian”? Extension: Students will write a paragraph citing textual examples in the labeled pictures to illustrate key elements of ancient Egyptian architecture.

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Resource List/Bibliography:

Please be sure to include full titles, authors, and URL addresses with dates accessed.

EGYPTIAN REVIVAL ARCHITECTURE

Boston College: A Digital Archive of American Architecture, 7/15/2103
http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/fnart/fa267/egyptrev.html

Metropolitan Museum of Art: Egyptian Revival, 7/15/2013
http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/erev/hd_erev.htm

Wikipedia: Agyptian Revival Architecture. 7/15/2103
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egyptian_Revival_architecture

RESEARCH/INFORMATIONAL LINKS TO ASSIST STUDENT PROJECTS

Touropia: 10 Ancient Egyptian Monuments. 7/15/2013
<http://www.touropia.com/ancient-egyptian-monuments/>

Color Me Egypt: Egyptian Monuments. 7/15/2013
<http://www.touregypt.net/kids/monuments.htm>

Ancient Egypt Online: Monuments of ANcient Egypt. 7/15/2013
<http://ancientegyptonline.co.uk/monuments.html>

USA Today: Famous Egyptian Monuments. 7/15/2013
<http://traveltips.usatoday.com/famous-egyptian-monuments-61450.html>

Egyptian Monuments. 7/13/2013

This site is not connected to a museum/university; it is hosted by an individual.

<http://egyptsites.wordpress.com/>

ANCIENT EGYPT MAP

Mysteries of Egypt: Geography, 7/15/2013

<http://www.civilisations.ca/cmce/exhibitions/civil/egypt/egcgeo1e.shtml>

ANCIENT EGYPT TIMELINE

British Museum, A timeline of Ancient Egyptian History, 7/24/2013

<http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/time/explore/main.html>

How Are You Going to Use This Unit? Please specify the grade-level, classroom, professional development workshop in- and/or out-of-district, regional or state conference, etc. Please also include the approximate dates and locations.

This lesson will be utilized as part of our 6th grade classes' study of Ancient Egypt. We currently use History Alive! The Ancient World and this activity can be used in conjunction with Chapter 8 which examines the accomplishments of ancient Egyptian pharaohs.

Name _____

Ancient Egyptian Site Information

Name of Archeological Site: _____

Location of the Site: _____

Year of Creation: _____

Pharaoh Responsible for its Creation: _____

Dynasty of the Pharaoh: _____

Circle the Time Period when the Site was Created:

Pre-dynastic Period

Old Kingdom

1st Intermediate Period

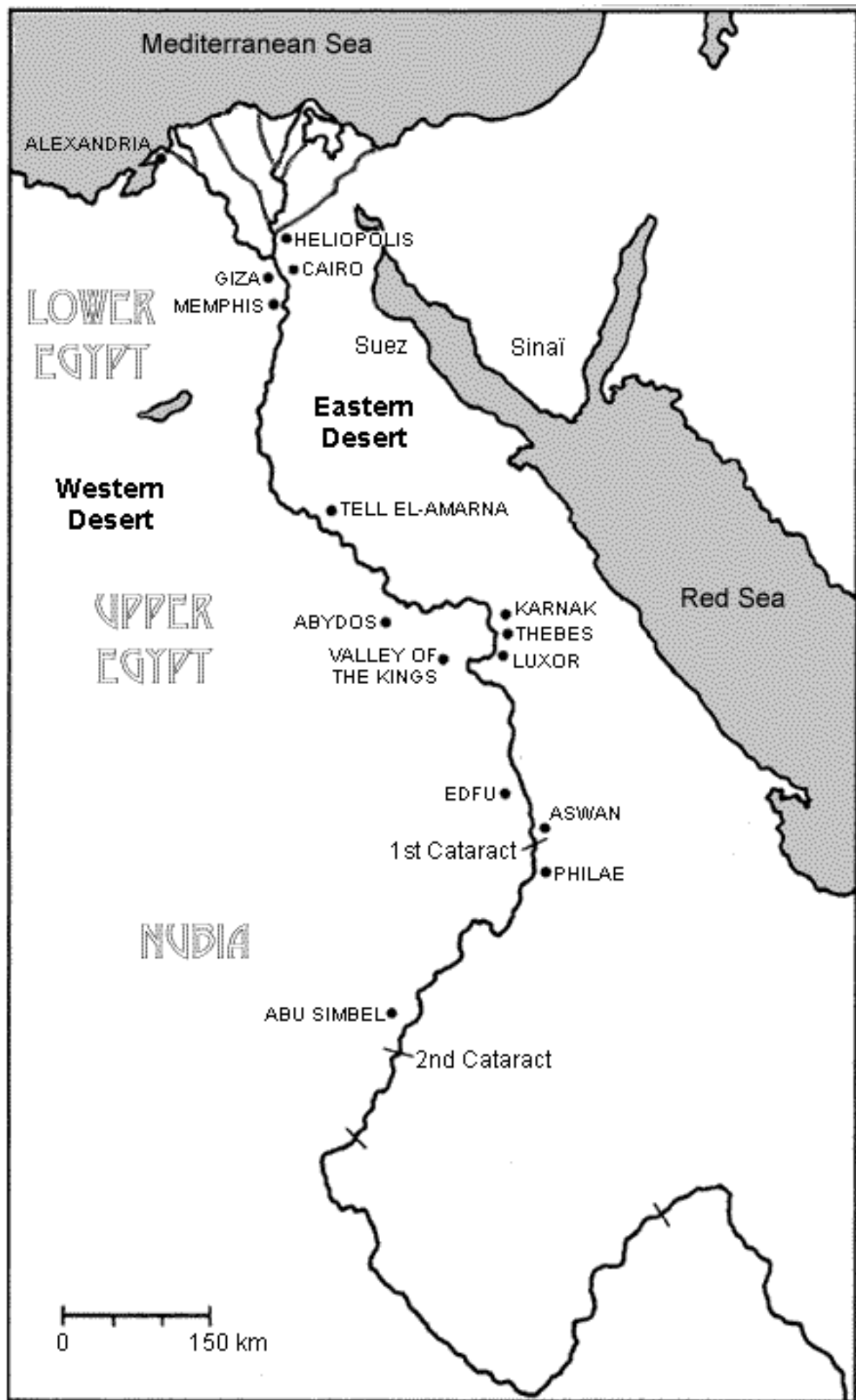
Middle Kingdom

2nd Intermediate Period

New Kingdom

Purpose of the Site:

Ancient Egyptian Architectural Features of the Site:



"TWEET" LIKE AN EGYPTIAN

Time Stamp: *Year, Kingdom*

YourName@YourArcheologicalSite – Ms.Merino@ValleyoftheKings

You are limited to **only 140** characters in your tweet.

In the “tweet,” students must include the pharaoh associated with creation and the dynasty with which it is associated, the location of the site, the site’s purpose, and key details/characteristics.

Formal Grammar must be utilized – Write in sentence form, no “text speak”.

You may include one “hashtag” at the end of your tweet.

Time Stamp:

_____ @ _____

✓ Following

Also followed by

Lists

Settings

following followers listed

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more

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