



## EARLY PEOPLES

# Ancient Egyptians

*Ancient Egyptians* explores the Egyptian gods and goddesses, mummification, pyramids, and other features of ancient Egyptian culture.

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

- The two signs of a pharaoh's kingship were a crook and an object shaped like a ...
  - Flail
  - Bull
  - Beard
  - Mountain
- Kings and nobles were eventually buried in tombs made out of dried brick called ...
  - Pyramids
  - Embalmers
  - Mastabas
  - Canopic jars
- Both men and women used a black make-up called ...
  - Cohl
  - Kohl
  - Coal
  - Kale
- Interest in ancient Egypt has helped to develop the science of ...
  - Biology
  - Archaeology
  - Historiography
  - Paleontology
- What is an *amulet*?
- What does it mean to *embalm*?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

- By about 3100 B.C., ancient Egypt was unified as one kingdom.
- During the Middle Kingdom period, the pharaoh governed each province directly.
- Egyptian carpenters did not have iron tools.
- Scholars believe that the pyramids were built by slaves.
- One of the most important tasks of a painter was to decorate tombs or temples.
- After invading Egypt, Alexander the Great took on the role of pharaoh.



## ANSWERS

- 1. a. Flail.** According to section “The Rulers” on page 15, we know that “He carried two signs of his kingship—a crook (a stick used by shepherds) and an object shaped like a flail (*flayl*), a tool used for separating grain or seeds from the rest of the plant.” So, the correct answer is A.
- 2. c. Mastabas.** According to section “Mummies and the Afterlife” on page 30, we know that “Later, however, kings and nobles began to be buried in mastabas (*MAHS tuh buhz*)—tombs made out of dried brick.” So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. b. Kohl.** According to section “Shelter and Clothing” on page 45, we know that “Both men and women lined their eyes with a black make-up called kohl; the Egyptians may also have believed that kohl protected them against eye disease.” So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. b. Archaeology.** According to section “The Ancient Egyptian Legacy” on page 59, we know that “Interest in ancient Egypt and the work done on the artifacts found in Egypt have helped to develop the science of archaeology and our modern understanding of ancient history.” So, the correct answer is B.
- According to page 60, an *amulet* is a “charm worn to guard against evil.”
- According to page 60, *embalm* means to “treat a dead body with spices, chemicals, or drugs to keep it from decaying.” Egyptians used embalming in the mummification process.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. False.** According to section “The Origins of the Ancient Egyptians and Their Early History” on page 8, we know that “By about 3100 B.C., ancient Egypt was made up of two kingdoms.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 2. False.** According to section “The State Officials” on page 17, we know that “By the start of the Middle Kingdom period, the pharaoh began to appoint a nomarch to govern each province.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section “Artisans and Craftworkers” on page 23, we know that “Carpenters had simple tools. The Egyptians did not produce iron, so the blades of saws and chisels were usually made of copper, bronze, or flint.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section “Pyramid Tombs” on page 35, we know that “While it was once thought that the pyramids were built by slaves, scholars now think that the pyramids were built by skilled work teams who oversaw corvee (*kawr VAY*) workers—people drafted by the Egyptian government to serve in the army or on building projects.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section “Painting and Sculpture” on page 40, we know that “One of the most important tasks of a painter was to decorate the walls inside tombs or temples.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to section “Greek and Roman Rule” on page 56, we know that “But the conquest of Egypt was also a crucial moment in Alexander’s career. He took on the role of pharaoh and appeared to show respect for the ancient Egyptian gods.” So, the correct answer is True.