

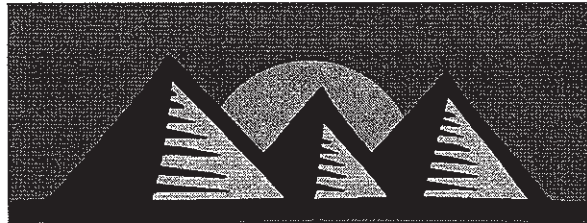
TOPIC: Social Studies
GRADE LEVEL: 4 - 6
TIME: 45 min.

MESSAGES FROM THE PAST

OBJECTIVE: The student will learn some historical facts about ancient Egyptians by decoding a message written with hieroglyphics.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. One copy of the Student Data Sheet or a transparency to be used on an overhead projector.
2. One copy of the Student Activity Sheet for each class member.
3. Teacher key.
4. Additional writing paper.



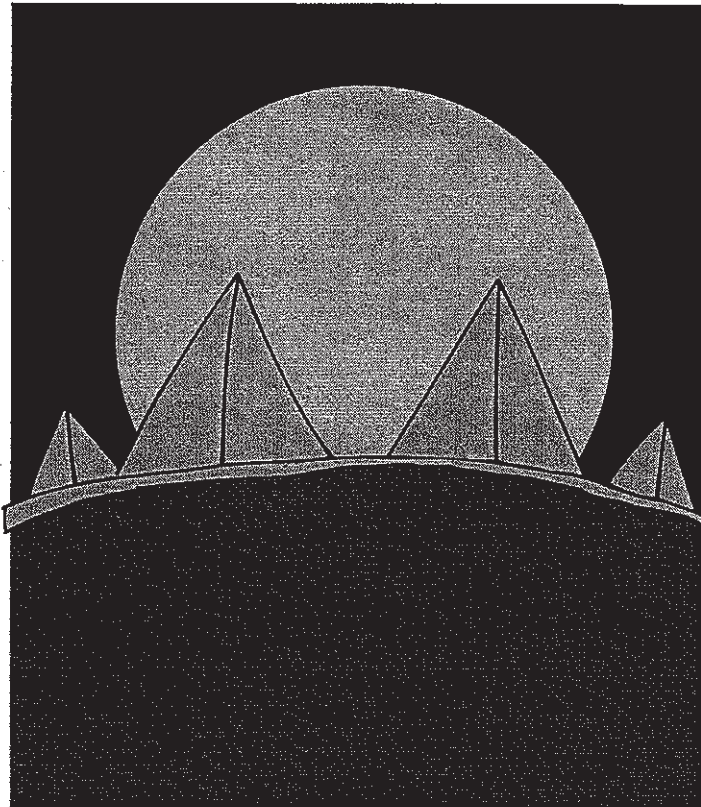
PROCEDURE:

1. Discuss with the students that the ancient Egyptians used hieroglyphics for written communication.
2. Distribute Student Data Sheets, if being used, or project the transparency on a screen.
3. Distribute Student Activity Sheets to class members and instruct students to follow the directions.
4. Check the decoding of the message in class. A teacher key is provided for this purpose.
5. To extend the activity, have the students write a message using their own code and share that code and message with another student for decoding. Each student should prepare a message key for correction of the decoding.
6. Collect activity sheets for teacher evaluation. Be sure they are identified correctly.









































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Teacher Key to Decoding:

"The Egyptians were a family-loving people. They had great affection for children. In the earliest time, the husband ruled the family, but women later gained equal rank. Women had the right to own property and could buy and sell goods. The eldest son usually inherited the largest share of the property."



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EQUAL	GOODS	THE	RIGHT	THEY
				
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IN	RULED	WERE	A	LARGEST
				
FAMILY	EGYPTIANS	FOR	GAINED	TIMES
				
SELL	BUT	ELDEST	EARLIEST	HAD
				
COULD	PEOPLE	SHARE	AFFECTION	OWN
				
INHERITED	WOMEN	CHILDREN	USUALLY	HUSBAND
				
LATER	PROPERTY	BUY	OF	TO

The Writing of the Egyptians

"MESSAGES FROM THE PAST"

Using "Messages from the Past" decode the Hieroglyphic message above:

MAKE YOUR OWN CODE:

Now, make a code using your own symbols or some of those used in "Messages from the Past".
