

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON**1****Recalling Facts****LESSON 2 CONTENT MASTER**

* Read each statement below. Write **True** if the statement is true and **False** if it is false. If the statement is false, cross out the part that is incorrect and write the correct words above it.

- _____ 1. Archaeology had long been a true science when Giovanni Belzoni started working in Egypt in 1815.
- _____ 2. Belzoni was hired to collect ancient objects for the Egyptian Museum.
- _____ 3. Ancient Egyptian civilization grew up in the valley of the Nile River.
- _____ 4. Each year, the Nile flooded and left a layer of useless silt along the valley.
- _____ 5. The Egyptians could grow crops in the desert.
- _____ 6. Egyptian farmers irrigated land that was not reached when the Nile rose up.
- _____ 7. The Egyptians believed that their pharaohs were just like other people.
- _____ 8. Menes united the Nile Valley and the Nile Delta into one kingdom.
- _____ 9. The pharaohs ruled Egypt for more than 200 years, longer than any other form of government.
- _____ 10. The contents of King Tut's tomb included a coffin made of precious stones.

Think and Write: Write a paragraph explaining why the Nile River has been likened to "one long, drawn-out oasis." You may use the back of the sheet.

LEARNING ABOUT THE EARLY EGYPTIANS

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* Read the paragraphs below. Then circle the correct ending to complete the sentences that follow.

The Egyptians built many pyramids. The three largest and most famous are in the desert at Giza, near present-day Cairo. The largest is the Great Pyramid. Today it would cover nearly ten football fields. It is about 450 feet (137 m) high, but before some of the topmost stones were torn away, it rose to 482 feet (147 m).

Although the pyramids at Giza were built between about 2640 and 2500 B.C., scientists continue to make new discoveries about the individuals and the communities of workers involved in constructing them.

Earlier discoveries revealed much about the rulers of Egypt. More recent searches uncovered some information about the workers. A bakery site near the pyramids has been explored, and many clay pots and baking molds have been found. Scientists now believe workers labored in teams of 20 to 50 to drag the huge stones to the site of the pyramids. The stones were pulled with ropes up ramps from canal barges and from quarries. The workers' great pride in their accomplishments was recorded in pictures at the site.

- Work on the pyramids began in about
3100 B.C. 2640 B.C. 1500 B.C. A.D. 250
- The pyramids are at
Cairo Memphis Giza Athens
- At present, the height of the Great Pyramid is about
137 feet 482 feet 250 feet 450 feet
- Early discoveries at the pyramids gave little information about
workers rulers pharaohs queens
- More recent discoveries have been made at the site of a
church library palace bakery
- At the recently excavated site, scientists have dug up
crowns jewels wheels pots
- People building the large pyramids worked
alone in teams in pairs in huge groups
- Workers dragged stones to the site with the aid of
ropes oxen elephants camels

Thinking Further: The Great Pyramid has lasted for some 4,500 years. Besides the pyramids, what large structures in the world today might last that long? Give a reason or two why you think the structure will be durable. Write your answer on a separate sheet.