

Domain-Based Unit Overview

Title of Domain: Ancient Egypt, Grade 1

Learning Time: 9 days

Big Idea

Ancient Egypt was home to a complex and stable civilization along the Nile River that lasted for more than three thousand years.

What Students Need to Learn

- 1. The geography of Africa: the Sahara Desert and the flooding of the Nile River
- 2. What life was like for everyday Egyptian people and their rulers
- 3. Ancient Egyptian religion and practices, tombs, pyramids, mummies, animal gods, and the Sphinx.
- 4. The development of writing: hieroglyphics
- 5. Important pharaohs: Tutankhamen, Hatshepsut

MN Academic Standards

SL1.2

SL1.3

SL1.4

Pre-Assessment

- 1. Navigating maps and globes
- 2. Geological features: rivers, lakes, mountains
- 3. Continents, oceans, north and south pole, equator
- 4. Cardinal directions and map keys
- 5. Identify and locate North America, USA, Minnesota, Woodbury
- 6. North and South hemispheres
- 7. Vocabulary: peninsula, harbor, bay, island



Domain Lesson 1	The Nile River
MN Academic	Locate the Nile River (RI.1.5)
Standards	Understand the importance of the NIle's yearly flooding (SL.1.2, SL.1.3)
	Understand that ancient Egypt and the Nile River were on the continent
	of Africa (RI.1.6)
	Understand the meaning of the following domain-specific vocabulary:
	flooded, hoe, plow, civilization, and desert (L.1.4, L.1.5)
Objectives	1. S.W.B.A.T locate the Nile River
	2. S.W.B.A.T describe the importance of the Nile River
Vocabulary	flooded, hoe, plow, civilization, desert
Procedure	Review Civilizations (Mesopotamia)
	2. Explain that we will be learning about Egypt and the Nile River
	3. Show video - Kid's Animated History Egypt min 0-3:10
	4. Read Chapter 1 - Pause to ask questions and elaborate
	5. Turn and Talk - Why was the Nile river important and how did it
	affect Egyptians?
	6. Activity - Using Maps (AP 1.2 and AP 1.3)
	7. If time, illustrate farming in Ancient Egypt
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	The Girl With the Red Slippers
	Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile (needed)
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 2	Pharaohs and Everyday People
MN Academic	SL.1.2, SL.1.3
Standards	L.1.5, L.1.4
Objectives	1. S.W.B.A.T describe what a pharaoh is and why they are
	important
Vocabulary	pharaohs, laws
Procedure	1. Review previous lesson
	2. Show Kid's Animated History Egypt min 4:40-5:25
	3. Read Chapter 2 - Pause to ask questions and elaborate
	4. Exit ticket: What was the job of a pharaoh?
	5. Show Kid's Animated History Egypt min 13:00-13:55
	6. Activity - Make a Pharaoh (AP 2.1)
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	Mrs. Frizzle's Adventures: Ancient Egypt (need)
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable



Domain Lesson 3	Pyramids and Mummies
MN Academic	SL.1.2
Standards	SL.1.3
Objectives	1. S.W.B.A.T describe what happened to pharaohs after they died
Vocabulary	pyramids, tombs, canopic jars, mummy
Procedure	Review previous lessons
	2. Read Chapter 3- Pause to ask questions and elaborate
	3. Ask and answer: what happened to pharaohs after they died?
	4. Demonstration - tomato mummy
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	Book- Mummies by Joyce Milton (need)
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 4	Gods and Goddesses
MN Academic	SL.1.2
Standards	SL.1.3
Objectives	S.W.B.A.T identify the Sphinx and other major gods and goddesses.
Vocabulary	sphinx, symbol, polytheistic and monotheistic
Procedure	Review previous lessons
	2. Read Chapter 4- Pause to ask questions and elaborate
	3. Turn and Talk - what did ancient Egyptians believe gods and
	goddesses did?
	4. Virtual Tour - Visit the Sphinx and Egyptian Pyramids (National
	Geographic Clip - 7:12)
	5. Art Discussion - The Sphinx
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 5	Egyptian Writing
MN Academic	SL.1.2
Standards	SL.1.3
	SL.1.4
Objectives	1. S.W.B.A.T describe the role of scribes
	2. S.W.B.A.T identify how ancient Egyptians wrote and made words
Vocabulary	hieroglyphics, papyrus, scrolls, scribes
Procedure	Review previous lessons
	2. Read Chapter 5 - Pause to ask questions and elaborate



	3. Answer chorally: what type of writing did Ancient Egyptians
	use? What did they write on?
	4 Write your name in hieroglyphics (AP 5.1)
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	Book - Coco'nile by Roy Gerrard (need)
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 6	King Tut
MN Academic	SL.1.2
Standards	SL.1.3
Objectives	1. S.W.B.A.T describe the importance of the discovery of King Tut's
	tomb
Vocabulary	throne, chariot
Procedure	1. Review previous lessons
	2. Read Chapter 6 - Pause to ask questions and elaborate
	3. Mingle, Pair, Share - Who is King Tut and why was the discovery
	of his tomb so important?
	4. Activity 1: Bust of Queen Nefertiti (Art discussion)
	5. Activity 2: Tutankhamen's Coffin (Art discussion)
	6. If time - Tropic Mind video from National Geographic Kids Fact
	Page OR Act it out
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	Tutankhamen's Gift by Robert Sabuda (need)
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 7	Hatshepsut
MN Academic	SL.1.2
Standards	SL.1.3
	SL.1.4
Objectives	1. S.W.B.A.T identify who Hatshepsut was and why she is famous
Vocabulary	voyage, ivory
Procedure	1. Introduce "Hatshepsut"
	2. Read Chapter 7 - Pause to ask questions and elaborate
	3. Sage and Scribe - Who was Hatshepsut and why is she famous?
	4. Video - Queen Pharaoh Hatshepsut (Resource Link)
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable



Domain Lesson 8	Review Day
MN Academic	
Standards	
Objectives	
Procedure	
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 9	Egyptian Day
MN Academic	
Standards	
Objectives	
Procedure	1. Create their own statue
	2. Writing hieroglyphics on scrolls
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

	Cross-Curricular Connections
Art	 Look and discuss Cave Paintings Look and discuss Art of Ancient Egypt including Great Sphinx, King Tutankhamen's coffin, and the bust of Queen Nefertiti ART PRODUCTION: Sculpting salt dough to create egyptian jewelry. After hardened, the students use hieroglyphics to write their initials.
Media	• Read and discuss "Temple Cat," "The Mystery of King Karfu," "The Egyptian Cinderella," "Gift of the Nile: An Ancient Egyptian Legend," "Skippjon Jones in Mummy Trouble"
Music	 Explore Ancient Egyptian music: https://www.historyforkids.net/egyptian-music.html Explore Ancient Egyptian instruments. Dramatize an Ancient Egyptian myth/story by creating sound effects with instruments.



P.E. Jacks & Marbels, Pacer Marathon, Floor Hockey