

# Grade 6

## Oak Meadow Teacher Manual

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# Ancient Egypt

### Reading

Read “Ancient Egypt” (found in Reading Selections below).

### Assignments

1. Color in Egypt on your map, and highlight the Nile River and the Nile Delta.

Modern Egypt is not much different from where the ancient Egyptians lived.

2. Look on a map that has a scale. Using the scale, determine the distance between east and west, as well as north and south in Egypt, from the farthest point in each direction. How big is this area?

The purpose of the scale map size is to give the student an idea of how large the Egyptian kingdom really was.

3. Begin working on a two-page research report about ancient Egyptian culture. You will have two weeks to write your report. This week, complete the following steps:
  - Choose a topic from the list below.
  - Identify at least three reliable, relevant sources to use. Make sure at least one source is a printed source (you will probably need to go to the library for this unless you have a book of your own to use).
  - Take notes from your reading. Put the notes into your own words, and keep track of them on index cards. Make sure to take enough notes to write a detailed report. Focus on both key ideas and specific details.
  - Keep track of each source you use. Write down the full citation in MLA format (as described in the grade 6 English manual).

### ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY

- Read “Ancient Egypt.”
- Add to your world map.
- Calculate the area of Egypt based on a map scale.
- Research, take notes, create an outline, and begin illustrations for a report on Ancient Egypt.
- Activity: Egyptian Clocks and Games

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- After you have done some research, create an outline for your report so you know what you'd like to include. This will help you focus your note taking. As you learn more about your topic, you can expand your outline if you need to.
- Illustrations will add a lot to your report. Think about what kinds of pictures or charts you want to include, and start working on them.
- Your research report will be about two or three pages long, plus include a cover page, illustrations, and list of your sources on a "works cited" page (bibliography). Refer to the grade 6 English manual for details on note taking, outlining, citing sources, and writing a research report.

Choose one of the following topics for your research paper:

- a. Egyptians' beliefs about the journey of the soul after death. Describe the journey in as much detail as you can, and include information about the funeral ceremony.
- b. The process of mummification. What was the purpose? How was it done? Give examples of mummies that have been found.
- c. Gods of ancient Egypt, including their attributes and importance in daily life. Mention specific gods and share some of the most important myths.
- d. King Tutankhamun. Include information on his life, his tomb, and the importance of the tomb's discovery.
- e. The Great Pyramid. Include any information you can find on whose tomb this was, who built it and how, the rooms in it and possible uses for them, items that were found in the pyramid, and anything else you discover. Draw a picture of the Great Pyramid and include illustrations of the inside, if possible.
- f. Hieroglyphics. Include illustrations and information about what they mean, how they were made, and how they were used. Create your own hieroglyphic messages similar to those found in Egypt.



## Learning Assessment

These assessment rubrics are intended to help track student progress throughout the year. Please remember that these skills continue to develop over time. Parents and teachers can use this space to make notes about the learning the student demonstrates or any skills that need work.

SOCIAL STUDIES	Not Yet Evident	Developing	Consistent	Notes
Demonstrates knowledge of early Egyptian culture				
Research report: Uses a variety of sources				
Research report: Cites sources in MLA format				
Research report: Demonstrates good note taking skills				
Research report: Organizes ideas into an outline				
Research report: Identifies illustrations that are relevant and enhance the writing				
Identifies locations on a map				
Calculates map scale				
Draws a map to scale with detail, color, and labels				