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Egyptian and Mesopotamian art

The lucky beetle



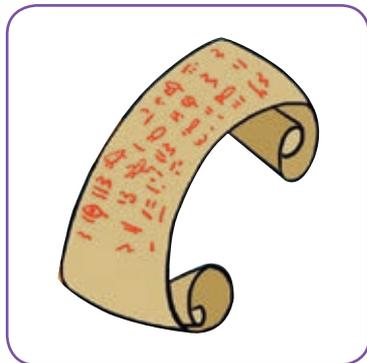
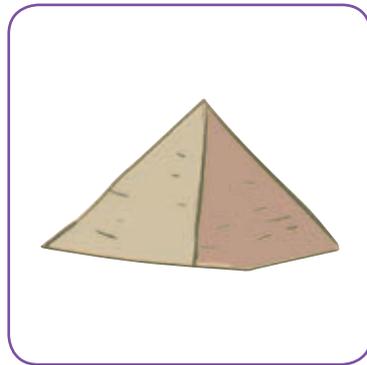
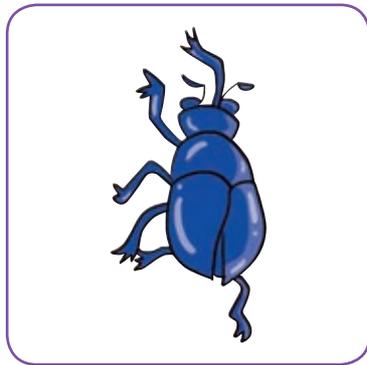
1.  Listen to the story. What is a scribe? Why were beetles important in ancient Egypt?

Story time!

AFTER YOU LISTEN

2. Look and write.

hieroglyph papyrus beetle pyramid



3.  **Think . . .** Listen again. Look at the sentences. Are they true or false? Correct the false ones.

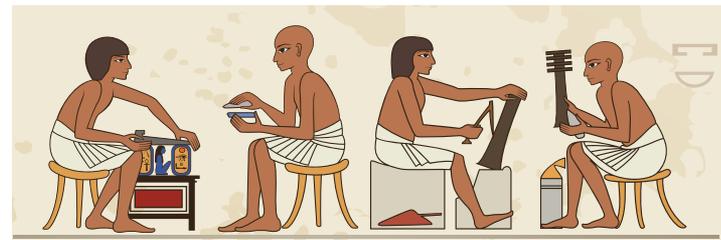
a. Amun and Ra are learning to be doctors.

b. People in Ancient Egypt think beetles are lucky.

c. The scribes in Ancient Egypt copy signs onto metal.

d. The signs are called *hieroglyphs*.

4.  **Think . . .** Look at the story. Where do they live? How do you know?



BIG VALUES

Help your friends!



DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE DIGITAL STORY!

Think about Art



Ancient Egyptian wall with hieroglyphs.

Egyptian hieroglyphs is a writing system based on pictures and symbols. Most Egyptian artwork is found in tombs and monuments. Ancient Egyptian art was both figurative and symbolic, as images have a special meaning.

In Mesopotamia they used the **cuneiform symbols** to write in different languages. Writing was very important. The scribes recorded everything and they were teachers.

1. **Think** Look at the hieroglyph. What symbols can you see? What do you think they mean?

2. Listen to the song. Is it about Ancient Egypt or Mesopotamia?

3. Listen to the song again and complete.

What are you painting? Said the girl and the boy,

What are you making? Is it a toy?

It's a mask for a pharaoh,

with glitter and _____.

A mask for a face that's wise and _____.

I'm engraving a _____ with my special tools,

I'm drawing a _____, all covered in jewels.

I'm writing with _____ and symbols and lines.

They're called _____, these ancient signs.

Come over and join us, there's a lot you can do.

We're artists together, my friends ... and you!

MATERIALS

- felt-tip pens
- glitter
- glue

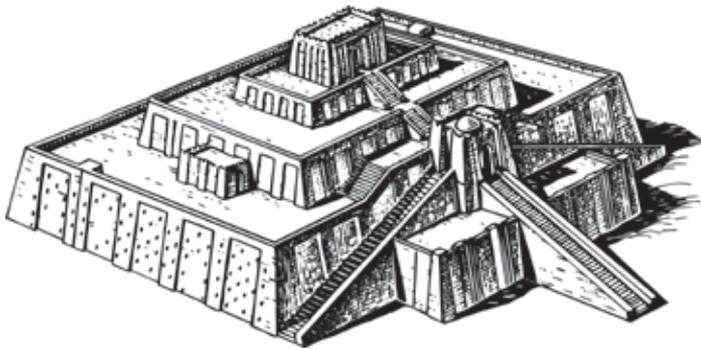
4. **Collaborate**  Look at this Egyptian amulet. In small groups, write a description of it.



5. **Create**  Colour and decorate the Egyptian amulet.



Art and life



Egyptian pyramids and Mesopotamian temples

Ancient Egyptians built **pyramids**. They were tombs for the pharaohs. Their shape was to help the pharaoh's soul get to heaven.

Mesopotamian temples were called **ziggurats**. They were large buildings in the form of terraced pyramids with steps. They were built as temples to worship their gods. The steps were stairways to heaven. They were in the centre of the city.

1. Read the text and answer the questions.

- Who built the pyramids? _____
- Where were ziggurats built? _____
- What were pyramids for? _____
- What were ziggurats for? _____

2. **Think, pair, share!** Look at the map and tell your friend about the two civilizations.



MATERIALS

- coloured pencils
- rubber

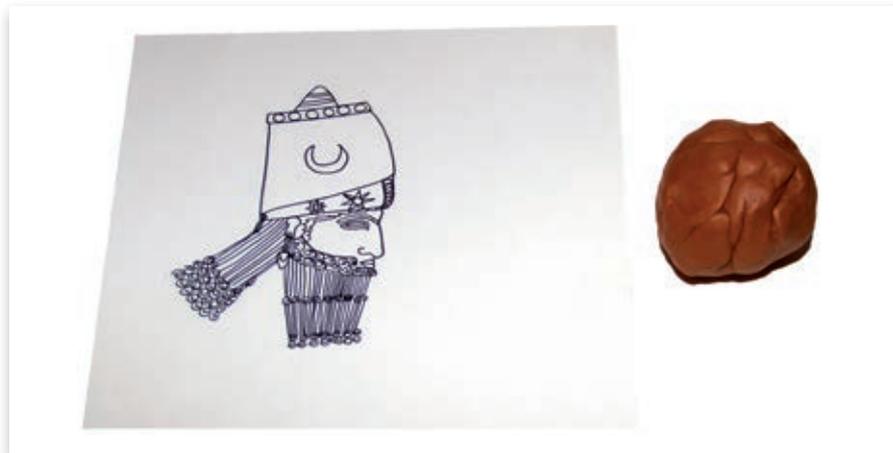
3. **Create**  Complete this Egyptian mural and then colour it.



Make a mask!

MATERIALS

- clay
- paintbrush
- tempera paint
- toothpick
- water



Step 1: Design an Egyptian or Mesopotamian **mask**. Model some clay.



Step 3: Engrave your friend's **portrait** while the clay is still soft.



DON'T FORGET TO WATCH THE VIDEO!



Step 2: Flatten out the clay and give it a **rectangular** shape.



Step 4: When the clay is **dry**, decorate it with tempera paint.

Picture dictionary

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amulet



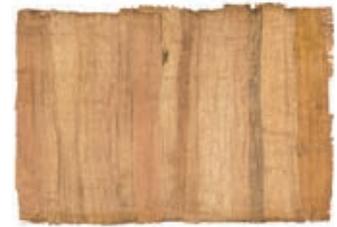
hieroglyphs



mask



mural



papyrus



pyramid



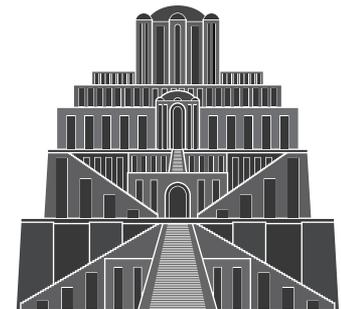
relief



scribe



statue



ziggurat

My work in unit 1 is



OK



good



excellent

