Ancient Egypt Scavenger Hunt

As an archaeologist preparing for an expedition to explore a newly discovered pyramid, you are trying to learn as much as you can about the Ancient Egyptian civilization. Use your Social Studies book to find the answers to the following questions. Just like an archaeologist, you will have to do some "digging" to find your answers, which may be located anywhere between page 82 & 107. You may just find a "treasure" if you correctly answer all the questions!!

Quick Review - Lesson 1 - pages 82-86 -- You've already learned a lot about the Nile River...let's do a quick review before you dig deeper!

1. On which continent would you find the civilization of Ancient Egypt? Africa
2. Which river was the center of the Ancient Egyptian civilization? Nile River
3. What annual "natural disaster" was necessary for farming in Egypt? Flooding
4. Which direction does the Nile River flow? From South to North
5. What is the triangular area of fertile flat land where silt is deposited near the mouth of the river? (Letter C on the map) Delta
6. What is the name for the southern part of Egypt? (Letter B on the map) Lower Egypt
7. What is the name for the southern part of Egypt? (Letter A on the map) Upper Egypt
8. What features of Upper Egypt made it less suitable for farming? (p. 83) Mountains & rocky soil
9. What plant did Egyptians grow to use for making cloth? **Flax** What kind of cloth did they make with it? **Linen**

10. Because of the desert climate, Egyptians had to use irrigation canals for watering crops. What was the device they used for lifting water into their fields? **Shadoof**

Let’s dig! Lesson 2-pages 88-95--

10. What King of Upper Egypt first united the 2 parts of Egypt into 1 empire? **Menes**

11. What title is given to rulers of Ancient Egypt? **Pharaoh**

12. What word describes the type of religion in Ancient Egypt? **Polytheistic**

13. Who was the main Egyptian god (sun god) who gave life to Earth & the pharaohs? **Ra**

14. Who was the religious leader (as well as the political leader) in Egypt? **Pharaoh**

15. What process was used to preserve bodies of the dead? **Mummification**

16. Why did Egyptians build pyramids? **Tombs (burial place) for pharaohs**

17. What Egyptian writing system used images (pictures) to represent sounds & objects? **Hieroglyphics**

18. Egyptians wrote on a kind of paper made from a reed plant that grew along the Nile River. What was it? **Papyrus**

19. In 1822, Jean Champollion used an artifact called the **Rosetta Stone** to decipher (figure out the meaning of) hieroglyphics.

Getting closer! Lesson 3-pages 96-101--

20. During the Middle Kingdom, a group of warriors from Asia took over Lower Egypt and ruled for about 100 years. Who were they? **Hyksos**

21. Which Pharaoh.....

Conquered the Hyksos? **Ahmose I**
Built the temples at Karnak? **Amenhotep I**

Which Pharaoh.....

Was a female pharaoh who organized trade expeditions? **Hatshepsut**

Changed the religion to monotheism? **Akhenaton**

Died at age 19 & was known as the "Boy Pharaoh"? **Tutankhamen**

Ruled for 67 years? **Ramses II**

**Almost there!**  Lesson 4-pages 102-107--

22. What name is given to the steep rapids on the Nile River? **Cataracts**

23. Label the 4 levels of the Egyptian social pyramid:

- **Pharaoh & family**
- **Priests & Soldiers**
- **Merchants, Artisans, & Farmers**
- **Slaves**

**Challenge questions**

*How did pyramid building affect the economy of Ancient Egypt?* ___________________

**Put a huge strain on economy...used up many resources, many taxes used to feed & clothe workers.**

*Why was the Sahara Desert to the west of Egypt beneficial to the civilization?* __________

**Formed a natural barrier that protected them from attack by other civilizations**
*How were hieroglyphics similar to the cuneiform used in Mesopotamia?*

Both used images or pictures to represent sounds & objects

You've found treasure!!!--After you have completed ALL of the questions, you may do these fun activities:

1. Go to this website and type in your first name, then copy your pharaoh name in hieroglyphics in the space below.

2. Visit this website and find "Mummymaker"! (You will need to open the site in Puffin)