

STUDY GUIDE

The First Civilizations

First Seed c. 8000 BC/BCE, Written Word c. 3500 BC/BCE, Pyramid c. 2600 BC/

Directions: Use terms from the word box to fill in the blanks. Study this for the test!!!

- 1.) Around the year 3500 BC/BCE people from Ancient Egypt began using _____.
The earliest form of writing was _____ (it looked like the object it was representing). This writing would be used to keep count of wheat, grain and crop yields. It was also used to plan great building projects like the Great Pyramids of _____.
- 2.) Circa 2500 BC/BCE a huge pyramid was built as a tomb, or burial chamber, for the Pharaoh _____ on the banks of the _____.
Prince _____ was an early engineer who used _____ to plan the project. The project required the workers to quarry, move and place a block every _____ minutes! Insane! _____ blocks were needed and it took around _____ years to complete.
The pyramids of Giza were the greatest feat of _____ and the tallest building for the next 4000 years. Entire towns were built for the workforce of _____ men near the pyramids.

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B
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X

Cuneiform	Giza	engineering	Hemunu	Khufu	20,000 to 30,000
Nile River	pictograph	twenty	writing	2 to 3	2 million



What does the cuneiform message say?