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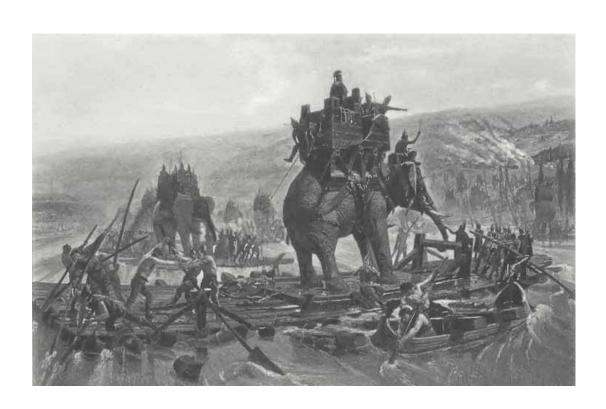
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LETTER TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Your child is about to embark on a great adventure—studying the history of mankind. *History Odyssey* guides are intended to assist your child on this adventure with access to the greatest resources and assistance in organizing a tremendous amount of information. This guide is written for the logic stage of a classical education (approximately fifth through eighth grade) and will challenge your child to compare and contrast, analyze, research, write, and outline.

In order to eliminate confusion, ancient history in this guide is presented chronologically by region rather than strictly chronologically. For example, instead of leaving the study of Egypt after the Middle Kingdom to learn about China's Shang Dynasty and then coming back to Egypt to study its New Kingdom, your child will study the ancient history of Egypt without interruption. There are three "Timeline Timeouts" to encourage students to take a closer look at their timelines and the chronological order of events. At the end of this study guide is a "Timeline Analysis" that assists students in looking back at events chronologically and analyzing which events were occurring simultaneously in different parts of the world.

The lesson plans in this study guide speak directly to your child for independent use. However, we recommend assisting with the first few lessons and acknowledge that some students may need assistance throughout the course. Read over the following instruction pages with your child and assist him in setting up his binder and gathering resources. Most of the lessons are written to be completed in one sitting. The exceptions to this are the lessons that instruct students to read one of the six literature books and those containing library research assignments. For these lessons, students should be given ample time to complete the task before going on to the next lesson. If your child's interest is sparked by a subject, refer to the resource list and allow him to spend extra time on that subject. We suggest students at this grade level spend one to two hours studying history three days a week. At that pace, this guide provides a one-year history course. Keep in mind that these lesson plans combine several subjects—history, literature, writing, and geography.

We encourage students to complete all of the library research assignments. Most students at this age do not have experience in writing research papers. Instead, ask your child to check out a few books from the library for each assignment. After reading the books, your child should write a one-page summary of what he or she read. Library assignments are an excellent way for students to begin to become familiar with their library and learn how to research a topic. As your child continues with *History Odyssey*, he or she will learn more advanced writing and research skills.

Most of the literature books used in this study guide are at a level that logic-stage students can read independently. Some students may benefit from having the books read aloud, especially *Caesar's Gallic War*, which may be challenging to some. Students will not be interrupted with comprehension questions or vocabulary work while reading the assigned literature. We feel that interrupting the reading of these wonderful books tends to make reading laborious and frustrating. However, you may want to suggest that your child read with a pencil in hand and circle words he does not understand, and then look them up later. Also it is recommended that you have discussions with your child during the reading to ensure comprehension. Ideally, you will read the books as well.

Basic outlining and map skills are taught in this course. Students are asked to label cities, rivers, and countries on maps of ancient times and compare them to a modern-day map. Students are also asked to identify main topics and subtopics in readings from *Kingfisher History Encyclopedia* and construct several outlines. As your child continues with *History Odyssey* guides, he or she will learn more advanced outlining and map skills.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Required Resources

The following resources are needed to complete this course. Optional resources and book suggestion ideas can be found in Appendix A.

*The Kingfisher History Encyclopedia (1999 edition or 2004 edition) - KFH

*The Story of Mankind by Hendrik Willem Van Loon - TSOM

*Timeline from Pandia Press (or a homemade timeline)

Learning Through History Magazine, "Ancient Rome" - LTH

Tales of Ancient Egypt by Roger Lancelyn Green

The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

The Children's Homer by Padraic Colum

Greek Myths by Olivia Coolidge

Theras and His Town by Caroline Dale Snedeker

Caesar's Gallic War by Olivia Coolidge

History Pockets - Ancient Egypt from Evan-Moor

History Pockets - Ancient Greece from Evan-Moor

Other Supplies Needed

In addition to the books and resources listed above, you will also need the following:

A three-ring binder (2" size is recommended)

Lined paper

Seven dividers with tabs

Colored pencils

A three-hole punch

A detailed atlas or world map

A ruler or straight edge

For History Pockets books**- 12" x 18" construction paper, scissors, glue, and stapler

Setting Up Your Binder

Divide your binder into the following seven sections:

Summaries

Men & Women

Wars & Conflicts

Religion & Mythology

Art, Inventions, & Architecture

Timeline

Maps & Worksheets

^{*}These resources will be used for several years in following level two *History Odyssey* study guides.

^{**}The History Pockets books require that you copy several pages for each pocket. We suggest that you take the books to a copy center and make all the necessary copies at one time.

Insert the study guide in the front of your binder. Label the dividers and insert lined paper into the first five sections. Three-hole punch your timeline* and place it along with the maps and worksheets in their appropriate sections.

*Alternatively, you can display your timeline on a wall while you are working on it, and place it in your binder when finished. See below for information on making your own timeline.

Lesson Assignments

Throughout these lessons you will be asked to summarize readings by finding central ideas and outlining. You will also mark dates on your timeline, color and label maps, and read from the list of resources. Try to do all of the assignments listed. When asked to add a person or event to your binder, title your entry and include some important information. Place the entry in the appropriate section of your binder. Important people are highlighted in **bold** throughout these plans. When asked to write a short summary, write one to two sentences. A lengthy summary should consist of at least five sentences or one complete paragraph. When you are finished with this course, you will have a binder that is full of information you have learned and work you have completed. More importantly, you will have an education about ancient history to treasure always.

Map Work

Geography is an important part of history and you will be learning a great deal of ancient and modern-day geography throughout this course. When working with a map, carefully color areas with colored pencils. Do not use markers, as they will blot out labels and other markings. You can make the land areas colorful by coloring each country or area a different pastel shade. When labeling, use a ruler to lightly make a pencil line. Print the name carefully on the line with a fine-point black pen and then erase the pencil line after your ink dries. Take your time to make the maps beautiful keepsake treasures of your time spent studying ancient history.

Outlining

In this course, you will be taught basic outlining, then asked to outline certain readings from the *Kingfisher History Encyclopedia*. Outlining is a very important skill to learn. If you learn this skill well, it will help you tremendously when reading complicated writings, when preparing notes for oral presentations and research papers, and when taking notes in high school and college courses. Outlining will help you separate main ideas from details. It will help you break down information into the most important parts and organize them.

Timeline

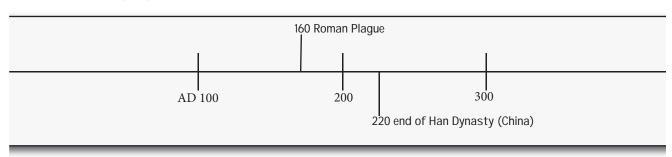
You will need a timeline to complete this course. Using a timeline will assist you in organizing information and seeing connections between events. At the end of this course, you will be completing an interesting exercise in which you analyze the data on your timeline. Timelines can be purchased or constructed. *The Classical Education Timeline* is available from Pandia Press. To construct your own timeline you will need a piece of butcher paper about 15 feet long (or three five-foot sections). Draw a line across each sheet two inches from the top. Leaving a little space at the beginning of your line for earlier events, mark dates beginning at 10,000 BC. Mark dates from 10,000 BC to 6000 BC in 1,000-year increments (10,000 BC, 9000 BC, 8000 BC, etc.). Beginning at 6000 BC mark your dates in 100-year increments (6000 BC, 5900 BC, 5800 BC, etc.). Space your dates approximately three inches apart. Continue marking in 100 year increments until you reach 100 BC. Your next entry will be AD 1 as there is no year zero. Continue with AD 100 and so on until you reach AD 600. Accordion-fold the timeline, three-hole punch it and place it in your binder.

As you enter events on the timeline you can either draw lines from the information to the point they occurred on the timeline or you can enter a reference number on the timeline that refers to a corresponding entry on a separate piece of paper. (See examples of these two methods below.)

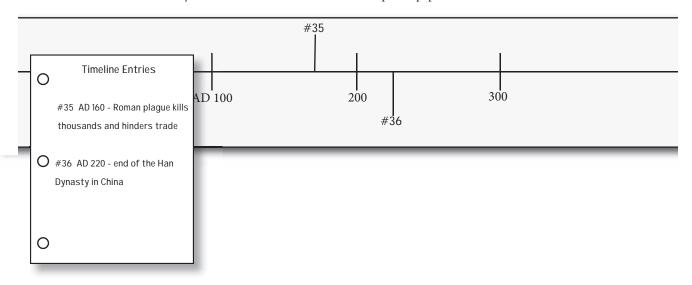
Note: In this course, dates are indicated as BC (before Christ) and AD (*Anno Domini*) because these are the traditional abbreviations that are used in KFH, TSOM, and other books in your package. You should also be aware of the secular abbreviations used in some modern books. These are BCE (before common era), used instead of BC, and CE (common era), used instead of AD.

Options for Recording Dates on a Timeline

Write dates directly on your timeline:



Write reference numbers on your timeline that refer to entries on separate paper:

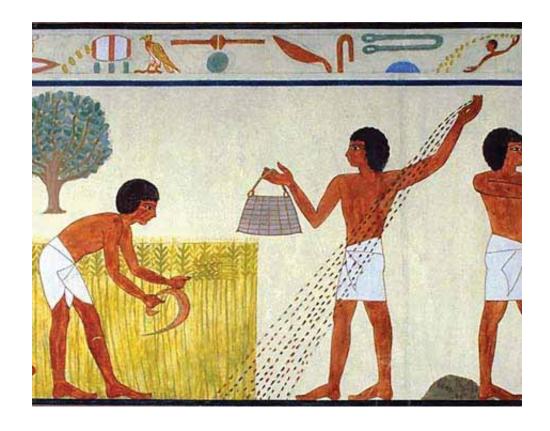


COURSE OUTLINE

- I. First Civilizations and Farming (10,000 1200 BC)
 - A. Farming
 - B. Domestication of Animals
 - C. Fertile Crescent
 - D. Megaliths and Monuments
- II. Control of Mesopotamia (5000 700 BC)
 - A. Sumerians
 - B. Hittites
 - C. Babylonians
 - D. Hammurabi
- III. Egyptians (4000 1070 BC)
 - A. Introduction to Ancient Egypt
 - B. Old Kingdom
 - C. Middle Kingdom
 - D. Hieroglyphs
 - E. Tales from Ancient Egypt
 - F. Religion
 - G. The Golden Goblet
 - H. Architecture and Arts
 - I. New Kingdom
 - J. Government
- IV. Ancient Africa (6000 BC AD 500)
 - A. Nubia and Kush
 - B. Meroë, Askum and Bantu
- V. The Assyrians (1900 612 BC)
- VI. Babylon Rises Again (626—539 BC)
- VII. Ancient China (1766 BC AD 220)
 - A. Shang Dynasty
 - B. Zhou Dynasty
 - C. Qin Dynasty
 - D. Han Dynasty
- VIII. The Hebrews (1800 BC AD 400)
 - A. Israel
 - B. Judea
 - C. Christianity
- IX. The Phoenicians (1500 500 BC)
- X. Ancient Americas (1500 BC AD 500)
 - A. Olmecs and Chavín
 - B. Zapotecs and Teotihuacán
- XI. Ancient India (4000 BC AD 510)
 - A. Indus Valley
 - B. Aryans
 - C. Mauryans
 - D. Gupta Dynasty

- XII. The Persians (559 331 BC)
- XIII. The Greeks (3000 323 BC)
 - A. Ancient Crete
 - B. Greek Dark Ages
 - C. The Children's Homer
 - D. Trojan War
 - E. Classical Greece
 - F. Greek Culture
 - G. Religion and Mythology
 - H. The Greek Myths
 - I. Greece versus Persia
 - J. Peloponnesian Wars
 - K. Theras and His Town
 - L. Alexander the Great
- XIV. The Parthians and Sassanids (238 BC AD 637)
- XV. The Romans (753 BC AD 475)
 - A. Etruscans
 - B. The Punic Wars
 - C. Roman Republic
 - D. Roman Empire
 - E. Caesar's Gallic War
 - F. Roman Art
 - G. Roman Language
 - H. Religion
- XVI. The Celts (500 BC AD 43)
- XVII. The Fall of Rome (AD 200 476)

PART I FIRST CIVILIZATIONS AND FARMING



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Read Kingfish	er History Er	cyclopedia (KFH) p. 8.		
		ary sentences. Don't forget to title ea	ach entry in v	our binder. This entry could
be titled "The First	t Civilization	s."	, ,	041 01114011 11110 01101 / 00410
		Summaries section of your binder. (Complete eacl	sentence with the best
answer based on the	-	•	Joinprove ewer	
	no paragrapi	s you read.		
The First Civilizat	ions			
1. About 10,000 ye	ars ago, in th	e area of the Fertile Crescent, people	e began farm	ing by growing and raising
2. Dogs were the fi	rst animals o	lomesticated followed by		•
		was a system used by farmers in the		
		and was first used by		
-		ners with neighbors and travelers cr		
	O	S		
☐ Mark significa	int dates on y	our timeline.		
Suggested Dates:	23,000 BC	First worship of goddesses		
		Domestication of dogs		
	8,000 BC	First farming in the Fertile Cresco	ent	
Lesson 2				
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- '		assistance. Remember to make a st	raight line for	r each label with a pencil an
to print very neatl	•	- 1:4 C		
-		editerranean Sea		
Euphrates Riv Persian Gulf		le River		
		outline the borders of the Fertile Cr	accent (cae Kl	EH man) Color land areas
Complete the map	-	duffice the borders of the Fertile Civ	iscent (see Ki	TIT map). Color land areas.
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-		tences). Add "Worship of goddesse		•
Crescent" to your			7 11100 0 0 0 0 0 0 111 1	- 5,000 2 3 111 vii v 1 v 1 v 1 v 1 v 1 v 1 v 1 v 1
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		f exactly when an event occurred bu		•
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Lesson 3				
_				
		early Europe and monuments.		
☐ Mark significa	•			
Suggested dates:	4500 BC	Farming in Europe	2400 BC	Copper 1st used in Europ
	4300 BC	1st Megaliths in Brittany & Ireland	2000 BC	Stonehenge completed
	3500 BC	Wheel invented in Sumer		
	3000 BC	Stonehenge began (Europe)		

☐ What do scientists believe to be the purpose(s) of Stonehenge? Write your answer in your Summary
section. (Don't forget to title your entry.)
On a wall map or atlas find Spain, France, England (U.K.), Ireland, Portugal, Scotland, and Sweden. These
are places where large ancient stone temples have been found. Now, in a detailed atlas. find Salisbury, England
(where Stonehenge was found) and Malta (the site of Hypogeum).
Hint: Malta is a tiny island country south of Sicily.
Add "Megaliths 4500 - 1200 BC in Europe" and "Copper 2400 BC in Europe" to the Art, Inventions, &
Architecture section of your binder.

PART II CONTROL OF MESOPOTAMIA



Lesson 4									
☐ Read KFH p.	9.								
☐ Read <i>The Stor</i>	Read <i>The Story of Mankind</i> (TSOM) chapter 7, "Mesopotamia," and chapter 8, "The Sumerians." This								
reading goes on to cover events in Babylon that we will cover in a future lesson.									
Define the following terms in your Summaries section:									
cuneiform									
ziggurat									
	city-state								
	Mesopotan	nia							
☐ Add "Ziggura	ts built in Ur	by Sumerians c. 2000 F	BC" to your Art, Inventions, & Architecture section.						
Sketch a picture o	f a ziggurat. A	Also add "Cuneiform in	vented by the Sumerians c. 3200 BC."						
Write one sentence each about each of the following in your Men & Women section:									
Sarag	on								
Hami	murabi								
Sume	rians								
Hittit	es								
Lesson 5									
Lesson 5									
☐ In TSOM the	author gives	brief overview of the o	groups of people who moved in and out of the Fertile						
	-	•	n chapter 7 of TSOM. Today the Fertile Crescent						
_			leader of a tribe, why might you want to move						
•		•	e area to control? Write out your answer to these						
	•		the Summaries section of your binder. Title this entry	17					
			Leave about half the page blank after your paragraph	•					
-		entry in Lesson 25.	Leave about han the page blank after your paragraph	1.					
	~	•	FH p. 9 and your atlas to color land areas and label th	10					
following:	le Sufficilatis	oi Mesopotailia) use K	111 p. 9 and your arias to color land areas and laber in	.C					
· ·	umer	Persian Gulf	Mediterranean Sea						
	Iesopotamia	Caspian Sea	Red Sea						
•	igris River	Euphrates River	Red Sea						
On Map 2 draw arrows and label them to indicate the groups who invaded Mesopotamia. Include the									
_			es, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Persians, Greeks, Romans,						
and Turks.	nans, mnorte	es (Dabyioinans), mitti	25, 1155 y Harris, Characteris, 1 Crotanis, Orecks, Rollians,						
☐ Mark significa	ant dates on v	our timeline							
Suggested dates:	3200 BC		by Sumerians						
ouggested dates.	2360 BC	Cuneiform developed by Sumerians Akkadians under Sargon invade Fertile Crescent							
	2300 BC 2334 BC	First world empire under Sargon (Fertile Crescent)							
	2334 BC 2100 BC								
	2100 DC	Liggurats in Or (windure East)							

Lesson 6				
☐ Read KFH p. 20. ☐ Write four characteristics or traits of the Hittites in your Summaries section. Title your entry. ☐ On Map 3 (The Babylonian and Hittite Empires) shade and label the area controlled by the Hittite Kingdom at its greatest (within the dotted lines). Label the area directly above the Mediterranean Sea "Anatolia." On your wall map or atlas find the modern name for this area, and write it in parentheses next to Anatolia. Complete the map key for the Hittites and label: Mediterranean Sea Syria Arabia Red Sea Assyria Persian Gulf				
Lesson 7				
 □ Read KFH p. 21. □ Write a list of the characteristics of the Babylonians in your Summaries section. Don't forget to title this entry. □ On Map 3 shade and label the area controlled by the Babylonian Empire at its greatest (within the dashed lines) a different color than you shaded the Hittite Kingdom. Notice that the two areas overlap. Also notice that the Babylonians ruled first. Remember this was an area many wanted to control. Complete the map key. □ Mark significant dates on your timeline. Suggested dates: 1760 BC Babylonians (Amorites) invade Mesopotamia under Hammurabi 1750 BC Death of Hammurabi 1595 BC Hittites attack Babylon 1300 BC Hittite Kingdom at its greatest □ Add the following to your Art, Inventions, & Architecture section: "Use of iron began in 1600 BC by the Hittites." "Babylonians based their counting system on 60, from which developed the 60-minute hour and the 360° circle." 				
Look at the small sample of The Code of Hammurabi on the next page. (Hammurabi actually passed 280 laws and had them carved in stone for all to see). Circle those laws you think are fair, and place an X by those you feel are unjust. Could any of these laws work today? Why or why not? Look at #7: Do you see evidence of the Babylonian's strong belief in their gods? Hammurabi's laws are based on an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" philosophy of justice. What does this mean? Can you think of any laws we have today that are based on this philosophy? How about in other countries? How about in your house? Do you think this type of justice is a sign of a primitive or advanced society? Summarize Hammurabi's laws by answering these questions in paragraph form. Title your paragraph "The Babylonians and the Code of Hammurabi" and place it in the Summaries section of your binder. Although they may seem primitive, these laws created a sense of order in society that influenced the advancement of law, democracy, and doctrines such as England's Magna Carta and the United States' Bill of Rights.				

The Code of Hammurabi

- 1. If a man opens his canal for irrigation and neglect it and lets the water wash away his neighbors field, he shall give his neighbor enough grain to replace his loss.
- 2. If a man strikes his father, they shall cut off his hand.
- 3. If a man destroys the eye of another man, they shall destroy his eye. If the victim be a slave, he shall pay one half his price.
- 4. If a physician operates on a man and causes his death, they shall cut off his hand.
- 5. If a ship builder builds a boat for a man and it is not seaworthy, the shipbuilder shall rebuild the boat at his own expense.
- 6. If a man strikes the daughter of another man and she dies, they shall put his own daughter to death.
- 7. If a man accuses another man of a crime, they shall throw the accused in the river. If the accused drowns, then he was guilty and the accuser shall get his house. If the accused lives, then he was not guilty; the accuser shall be killed and his house will be given to the accused.

PART III MEET THE EGYPTIANS



Lesson 9			
☐ Using History Egypt" pocket. ☐ Complete "Sun ☐ Add the follow sentence for each. Menes Hatshepsut Tutankhamen Akhenaten (A Ramses II Alexander the	mming it Up ving people t Leave some s 	o" on p. 13 of yo o the Men & V space in between	ake your pocket cover and complete the "Introduction to Ancier our History Pockets book. Nomen section of your binder and write at least one summary een entries to add more information later. med while completing the pocket.
I rida dutes to y	our timenine	tilat you learn	ted withe completing the pocket.
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Lesson 10			
sentences: 1. The Egyptians b 2. Most of Egypt's	nmary senter owing summ elieved their population	pharaoh was a	for the paragraphs you read or create your own summary a god who had the power to and few learned how to dle Kingdom were (list 3)
☐ Mark significa	nt dates on s	zour timeline	
Suggested dates:	3300 BC 3000 BC 2630 BC	Hieroglyphic Upper and L First Egyptic Egypt's Old	Lower Egypt united an pyramid built Kingdom dle Kingdom
☐ On Map 4 (An			l and label the following:
Upper Egy		Giza	Nile River
Lower Egy	-	Memphis	Red Sea
Rosetta		Thebes	Nubia
Valley of t	•	Mediterrane	
		To identify the	Nile Valley, shade blue along the borders of the Nile River.
Complete the map	•	1.1 1. :	M 0- M
□ who was Men	itunotep? Ac	ia nim to your	Men & Women section along with a short summary.

Lesson 11			
things the Egyptians language. Add "Hieroglyph	opter 4, "Hieroglyphics." As you read, make a list in your Summaries section of all the segave us. Also, describe in your own words how hieroglyphic script differs from sign thics" to the Art, Inventions, & Architecture section of your binder along with a short "Great Pyramid of Giza 2550 BC." Sketch a picture of the Great Pyramid of Giza from p.		
Lesson 12			
☐ Complete the "L	anguage" pocket in History Pockets - Ancient Egypt.		
Lesson 13			
☐ Read TSOM cha overall history of Eg ☐ Mark significan Suggested dates: ☐ Define the follow hieroglyphics pharaoh Remi	t dates on your timeline. 1720 BC Hyksos attack Egypt 1700 BC Egyptians gain freedom from Hyksos 1600 BC Assyrians conquer Egypt 525 BC Persians conquer Egypt 30 BC Romans conquer Egypt wing in the Summaries section of your binder: s s and Cheops? Add these along with a short summary to your Religion or Men & Women		
Lesson 14			
☐ Read <i>Tales of Ancient Egypt</i> . There are 20 tales, so try to read two or three a day until you finish the book. As you read, keep a running list of Egyptian gods in the Religion & Mythology section of your binder. Write one attribute or significant fact about each one.			
Lesson 15			
☐ Write two parag	deligion" pocket in <i>History Pockets - Ancient Egypt</i> . Traphs summarizing the Egyptian belief in an afterlife and mummification in your gy section. Don't forget to title your entry.		

Lesson 16
 □ Read <i>The Golden Goblet</i>. Try to read two chapters each day until you finish the book. □ While reading <i>The Golden Goblet</i>, complete the "Daily Life" pocket from <i>History Pockets - Ancient Egypt</i>.
Lesson 17
☐ Over the next two weeks complete the "Architecture" and "Arts and Recreation" History Pockets. ☐ Library Trip! While completing the pockets, do research on the building of the pyramids. Write a one-page summary in the Summaries section of your binder describing the different theories of how the Egyptians built pyramids.
Lesson 18
 □ Read KFH pp. 26 - 27. □ Write three to four summary sentences that express the main ideas. An example of a main idea from this reading is: The New Kingdom was Egypt's Golden Age, when Egypt prospered in the areas of art, military, and trading. Write three more main ideas. (Hint: Egypt's women, Akhenaten, and the end of the New Kingdom). □ Add the following to the Men & Women section of your binder along with short summaries. Ahmose Nefertiti Thutmose I
Lesson 19
☐ Complete the "Government and Leaders" History Pocket. ☐ If you learned anything new about the people you have in your Men & Women section, add this information now.

PART IV ANCIENT AFRICA



Lesson 20					
K	tence a		Nok	lowing places in	n ancient Africa in your Summaries section:
	1eroë		Chad		
	antu				
-					he rivers blue. Under the Sahara Desert, write
					er atlas and p. 30 in KFH to label the following:
Red Sea		Nile Riv		Kush	Chad
Mediterranea			Ocean	Banju	Nok
Atlantic Ocea		Meroë		Egypt	Jenne-Jeno (or Jenive-Jeno)
Niger River		Nubia		Carthage	
•	_			•	cient Nubia). Label Sudan in parentheses on Map
☐ Mark signification		•			
Suggested dates:	2700		-	West Africa	
	200		•	f Kush in Africa	•
	1500		0,1	uers Kush, Afri	
	750	BC	Kushities w	rin back Kush fr	rom Egyptians
	200	BC	Jenne-Jeno,	first African cit	ty
Africa from 3500	BC." If	you wis	sh, draw you	r version of the	Rock paintings and relief carvings in Ancient e cave painting like the one at the bottom of p. 31 cinfluenced by the Egyptians."
Lesson 21					
introduction of ca Bantu-speaking p Add "Aksum	naries s mels a eople. (Africa	nd mign Africa) l es on yo BC BC 350 500	ration did fo s Christianit abel Aksum our timeline. Meroë (Afr Introductio Aksum, Afr Bantu tradi	r Africa. Also we are AD 350" to you and write "AD ica) collapses are of camels to A rica at its greate ng with Greeks	nd Aksum grows Africa est

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