

EGYPTIAN QUEST

@ THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART



Grown ups and kids work together,
learning about the Gods of ancient
Egypt, to complete the challenge and
decode a secret message.

Activity is designed for kids 6-12 years
old with parent support.

Takes about 45 min- 1 hour to complete.

Note: This activity is not
affiliated with the Metropolitan
Museum of Art.

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HOW TO FOR GROWN UPS:

Print out all the pages before going to the museum.

Remind yourself and children of the rules of the museum.

Use a pencil (no pens, markers, crayons) in the museum galleries to complete the quest.

There are 10 puzzles and 1 culminating page with a secret message.

For each puzzle page, find the artwork and answer the question writing the answer in the boxes provided. Each letter in the correct answer will correspond to 1 hieroglyphic symbol.

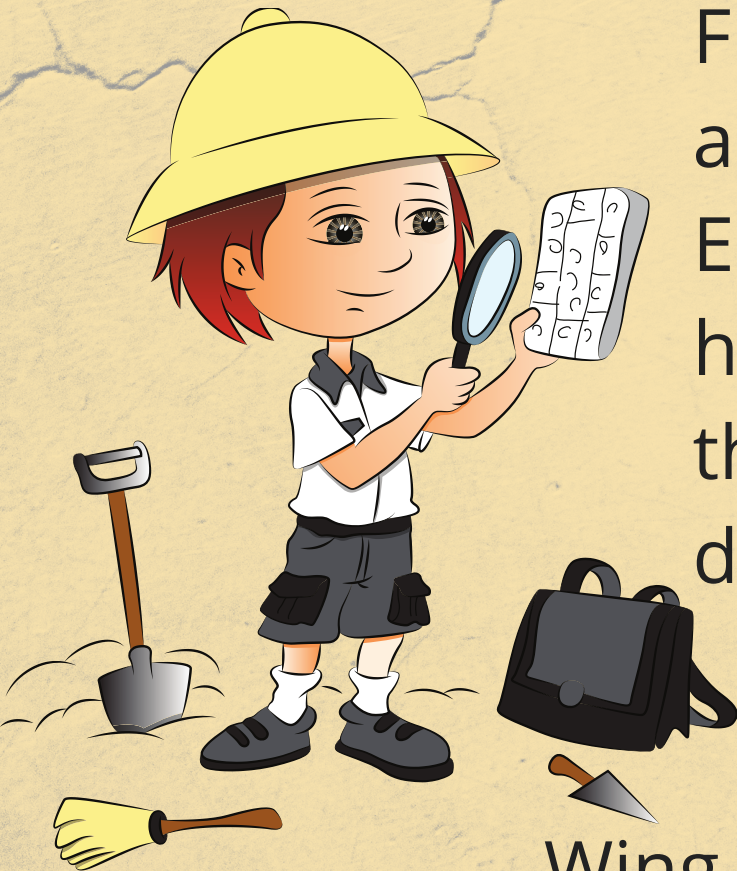
Once you complete all the puzzles, use your answers to decode the final message. It doesn't matter in which order you complete the activities in; but it is best to leave the code for last. There are lots of ways to figure any one of the answers. Even if you don't find all the clues, you can still figure out the final message.

A world famous egyptologist left a special message for you! But it is written in hieroglyphic code. Fortunately, she left some clues to help us figure out what it says.

Can you decode it?

Figure out each puzzle and write the answers in the spaces provided.

Each English letter corresponds to a hieroglyphic symbol. At the end, use the answers you found to help you decode the secret message.



Find all the clues in the Egyptian Wing at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GROWN UPS:

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THERE ARE 10 CLUES AND 1 CULMINATING PAGE WITH A SECRET MESSAGE.

THE GALLERY NUMBER IS WRITTEN ON TOP OF EACH CLUE PAGE.

ONCE IN THE RIGHT GALLERY, READ THE CLUE AND FIND THE APPROPRIATE WORK. WRITE THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. 1 ENGLISH LETTER CORRESPONDS TO 1 HIEROGLYPH. ONCE YOU COMPLETE ALL THE CLUES, USE YOUR ANSWERS TO DECODE THE FINAL MESSAGE.

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YOU CAN START FROM ANYWHERE.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO SOLVE ALL THE CLUES TO SOLVE THE FINAL MESSAGE.

HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!

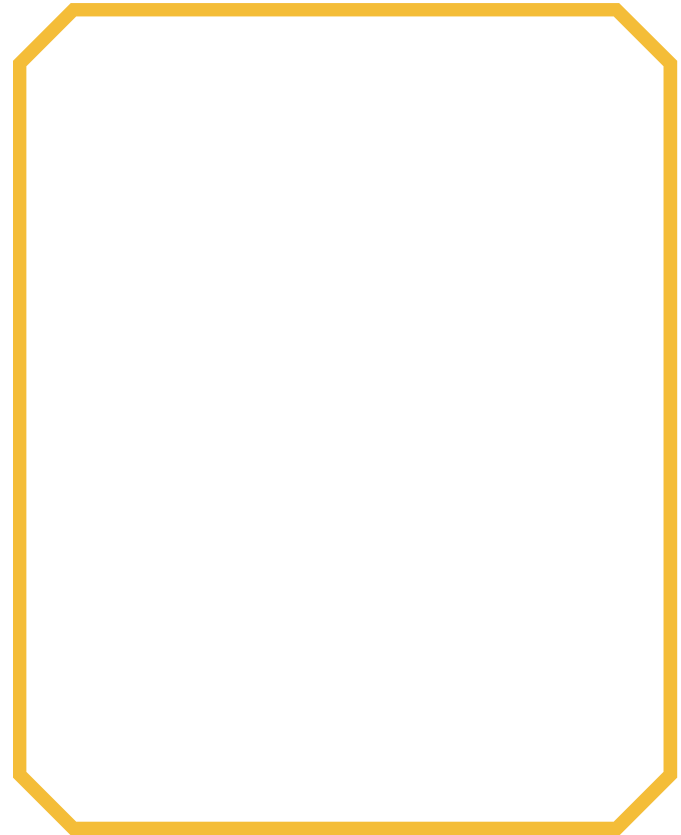
134 KHEPRI

Look up, and find this sunken relief:

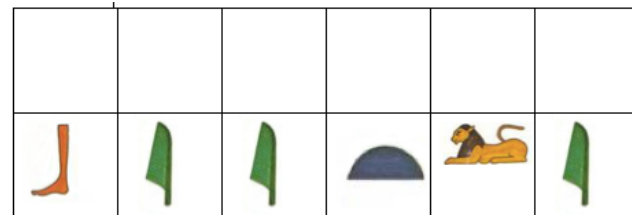


What is in the middle of the two baboons?
This creature represents the Khepri, god of earth.

Draw Khepri here:



Khepri is a



133 ANUBIS



Sketch Anubis here:

Find a wooden sculpture of a jackal-headed god. His name is Anubis, he is the god of life and death and mummification. Look at his pose. What is he doing? (Use the key below to figure out what his pose means)



worshipping



presenting, offering



ready to receive offerings



summoning



protecting



rejoicing












praising



mourning

Anubis is

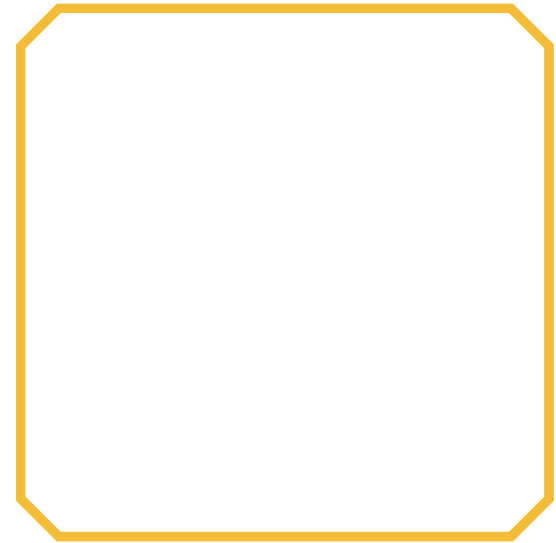
127 APIS

One of the most important animal deities of ancient Egypt was the sacred Apis bull. Bulls were decorated with different colors and patterns and paraded out at festive occasions or ceremonies. Find this bull or a very small statuette of a bull's head.

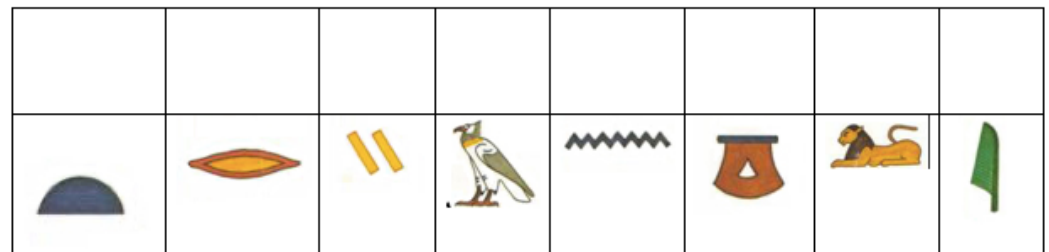


Can you see the shape on the bulls forehead?

Draw it here:



The shape on Apis' head is a:



125- 126 NUT

A sarcophagus is an Egyptian coffin.
Almost all the sarcophagi have an image of a winged goddess. Her name is Nut, she is the goddess of the sky.











The sarcophagi are decorated with the life stories of people.
Can you find this image on the outer coffin of Amun-Re, Henettawy?
(Hint: it's on the left side of the gallery)



It shows a girl playing a sistrum
(an Egyptian musical instrument)



What do you think her job was? She was a

125- 126 RA

What do you think the sun represents?
Circle all possible answers:



The sun god has the head of a falcon and the sun-disk inside a cobra resting on his head.



Find this work on the right side of the gallery. Read the label to find out the sun gods full name. It is Ra-

WARMTH

LIGHT









GROWTH

WINTER

SLEEP

ANIMALS



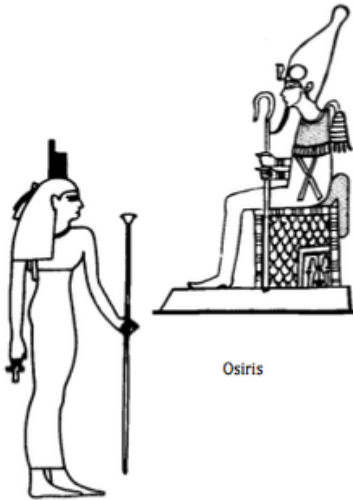
131 THE TEMPLE OF DENDUR

Find the kings and the gods.
Kings have triangular skirts
and are facing into the
temple. The gods
are facing out.

Temples in ancient Egypt were for gods and goddesses, not for people to enter. This temple was created for the goddess of healing. Can you figure out the name of the goddess for whom this temple was made?



Nephthys



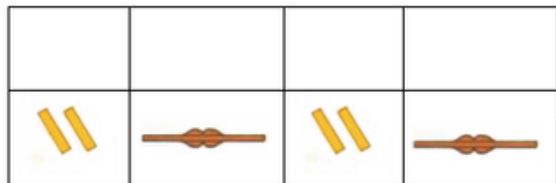
Isis



Osiris



Seth



The images on the walls used to be colorful.
The colors washed away because the temple was under water for many
years. Use your imagination to color in the picture.

111 HEKET

Draw her head.





Find this good luck rod:

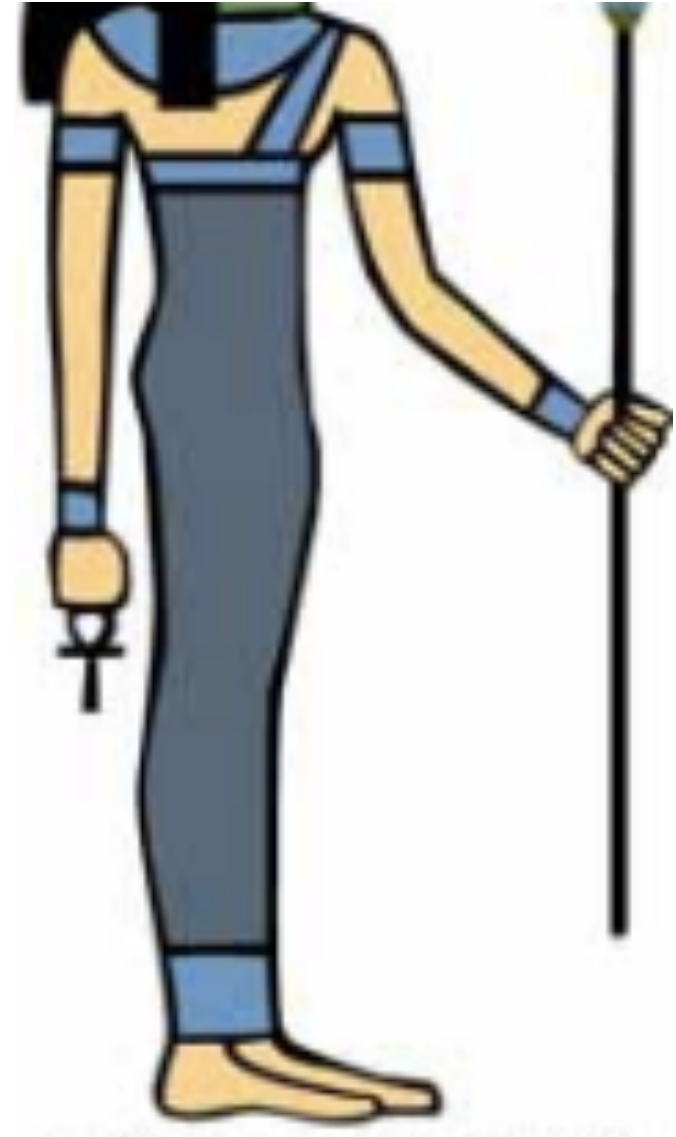


What animal is hidden behind the question marks?

The goddess Heket had this animal as a head and she was the goddess of childbirth.

Heket has the head of a

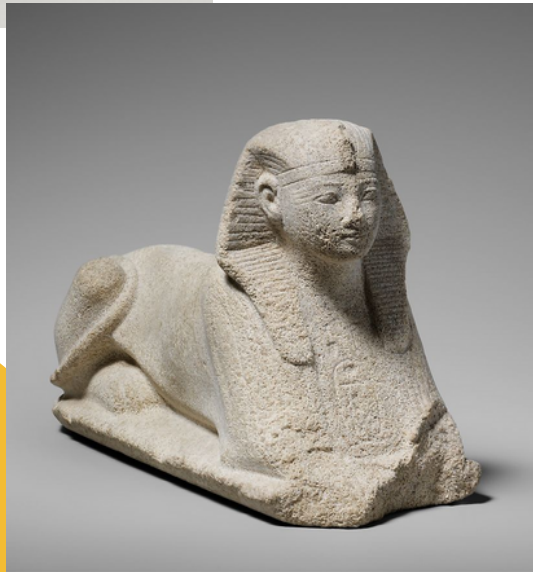
			



117 PHARAOH

A sphinx is a guardian figure with a human head and a lion's body.

Sometimes the faces on the sphinx were of Egyptian kings known as pharaohs.



Look at this Sphinx of Hatshepsut in this room, which parts are lion, and which parts are human? As you walk around the different art works- can you figure out what is special about this sphinx? How is this sphinx different from all the rest?

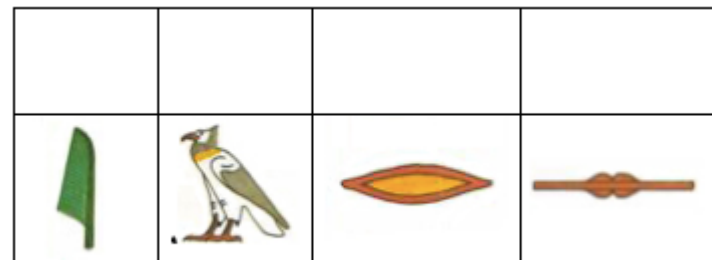
All the other sphinxes have _____ of a human, but this one has _____ of a lion.

write your
answer here

BONUS POINTS:

Can you pretend to be a guardian sphinx?

Pose like the sphinx and take a picture!



105 SETH



This model granary (a storehouse for grain) was found in a tomb. Ancient Egyptians believed that the figures inside would supply food to those who were buried in the tomb and magically keeping them alive forever.





Peek inside to find ancient Egyptians busy at work.
Every person has a job to do:

Can you find:

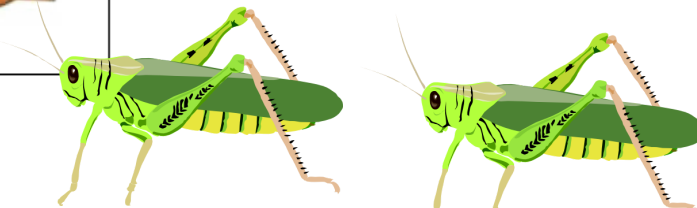
- men carrying the grain
- someone measuring the grain
- someone recording and taking notes



In ancient Egypt and around the world today, grain is a vital _____ group.

The god of storms and disorder, Seth, protected the crops from locusts.



IMAGINE!

How do you think the Egyptians would feel if something happened to the crop?

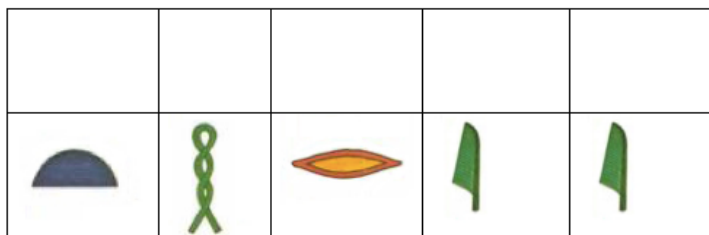
136 HAPI

Find a small statuette of a blue hippo, named William. (hint: there are a few, make sure you find William and not his cousins.) What do you think, is it cute or is it dangerous?

In ancient Egypt, hippos represented the positive qualities of life, but they were also thought to be very dangerous.

Because Egyptians believed that small figures like this one could magically come alive anytime, it's legs were broken to protect the owner. When the museum found this statue, they fixed the legs so he can stand. Can you see how The Met restored the legs?

Look closely, how many legs were broken and then repaired?

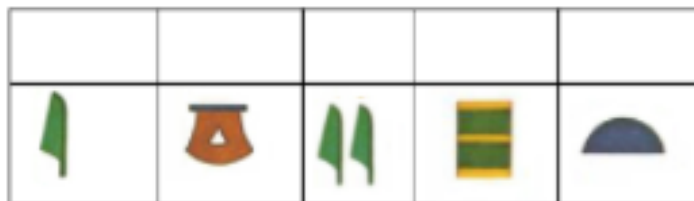
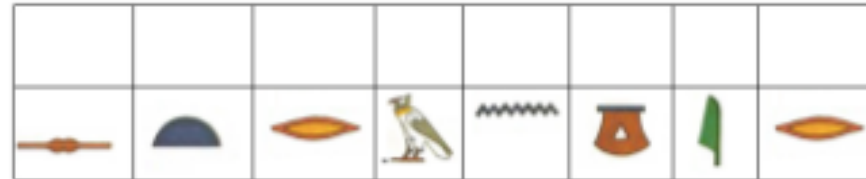
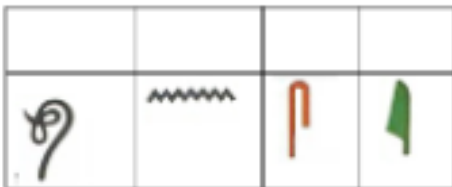
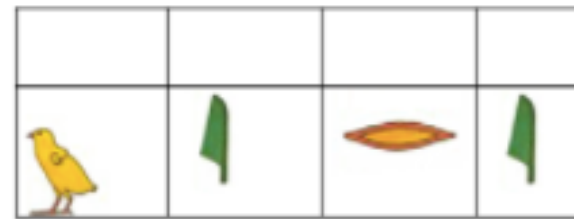


Imagine!
While walking along the
banks of the Nile River,
you encounter a live
hippopotamus!
How do you react?
What do you do?



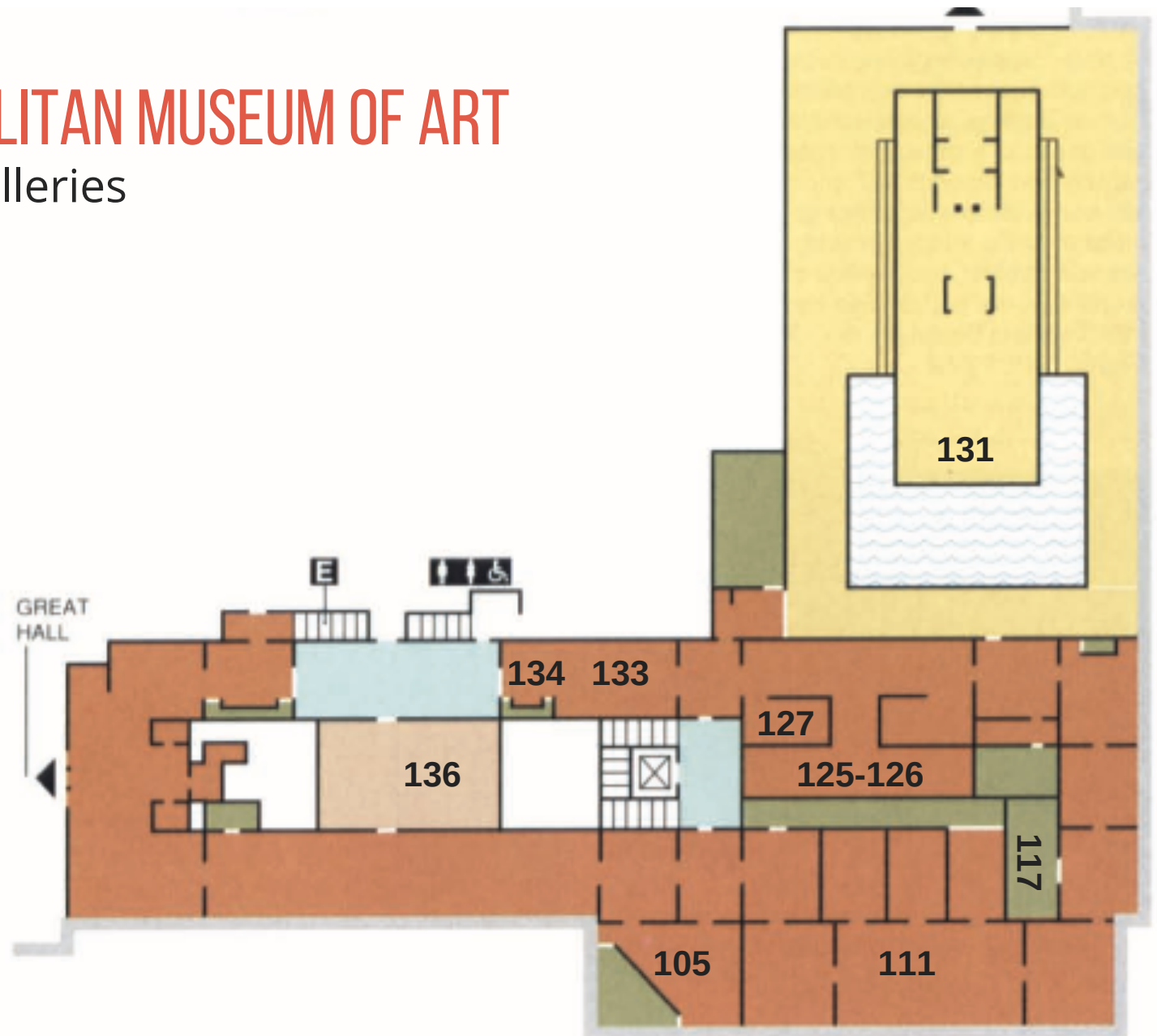
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Egyptian Art Galleries



HOW DO THE EGYPTIAN GODS RELATE TO THE STORY OF PASSOVER?

In ancient Egypt, almost all living creatures, as well as many inanimate objects, were considered the embodiment of a god.

The plagues sent from the god of Israel, were proof that the one true god was far greater than all of the multiple gods of the Egyptians.



1 Blood

Hapi- Egyptian God of the Nile; water bearer

4

Flies

Khepri- Egyptian God of creation, movement of the Sun, rebirth

2

Frogs

Heket- Egyptian Goddess of Fertility, Renewal. Heket had the head of a frog

5

Animals Die

Apis - A sacred bull, identified by specific sacred marking and worshipped

3

Wild animals & insects

Anubis- Egyptian God of the afterlife and watching over the dead. Had the head of a jackal

6

Boils

Isis- Egyptian Goddess of Medicine

7

Hail

Nut- Egyptian Goddess of the Sky

8

Locust

Seth- Egyptian God of Storms and Disorder

9

Darkness

Ra- The Sun God

10

Death of the first born

Pharaoh- The Ultimate Power of Egypt

ANSWERS

GALLERY 134 - BEETLE

GALLERY 133- WORSHIPPING

GALLERY 127- TRIANGLE

GALLERY 125-126 - MUSICIAN

GALLERY 125-126- HARAKHTY

(READ LABEL BY ARTWORK)

GALLERY 117 - EARS

GALLERY 131 - ISIS

(ANSWER CAN BE FOUND ON WALL INFORMATION)

GALLERY 111 - FROG

GALLERY 111- THREE

(THERE ARE A FEW SIMILAR HIPPOS IN THIS ROOM, MAKE SURE YOU FIND ONE LABELED WILLIAM. LOOKING CLOSELY, YOU CAN SEE THREE OF HIS LEGS SLIGHTLY DIFFER IN COLOR)

GALLERY 105 - FOOD

FINAL MESSAGE:

BE KIND TO FOREIGNERS FOR YOU WERE ONCE A STRANGER IN EGYPT