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letter to punctuate your sentences

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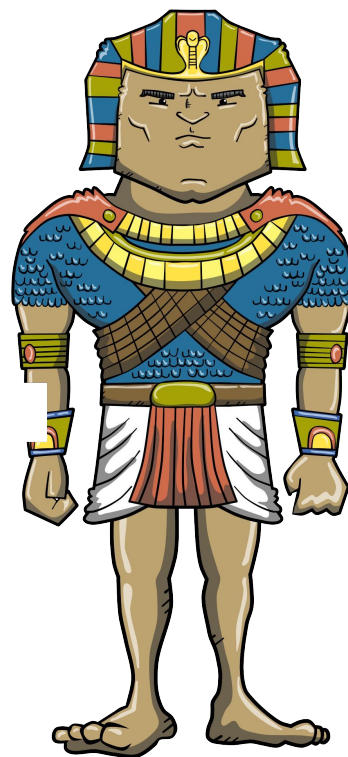


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## 5th & 6th Grade Close Reading Activity

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1 – Between what years did Ramesses II live? (1)

2 – Between what years did he reign over Egypt? (1)

3 – How is he often regarded? (1)

4 – How and when did he come to the throne? (2)

5 – What did he focus on in the early part of his reign? (1)

6 – Describe some of his military achievements? (3)

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9 – Where was his body discovered and where is it on display now? (2)

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- 1 - 1303 - 1213 BC
- 2 – 1279 – 1213 BC
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- 4 – At 14, Ramesses II was appointed prince regent by his father / He took the throne in his late teens
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- 6 – He embarked on numerous military campaigns to restore previously held territories / And to secure Egypt's borders / Expeditions to Canaan, in modern-day East Africa / And further south, into Nubia / Egyptian army was estimated to have totaled an incredible 100,000 men (any 3 for 3 marks)
- 7 – 90 or 91
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- 10 – Yul Brynner / The Ten Commandments
- 11 – As the villain

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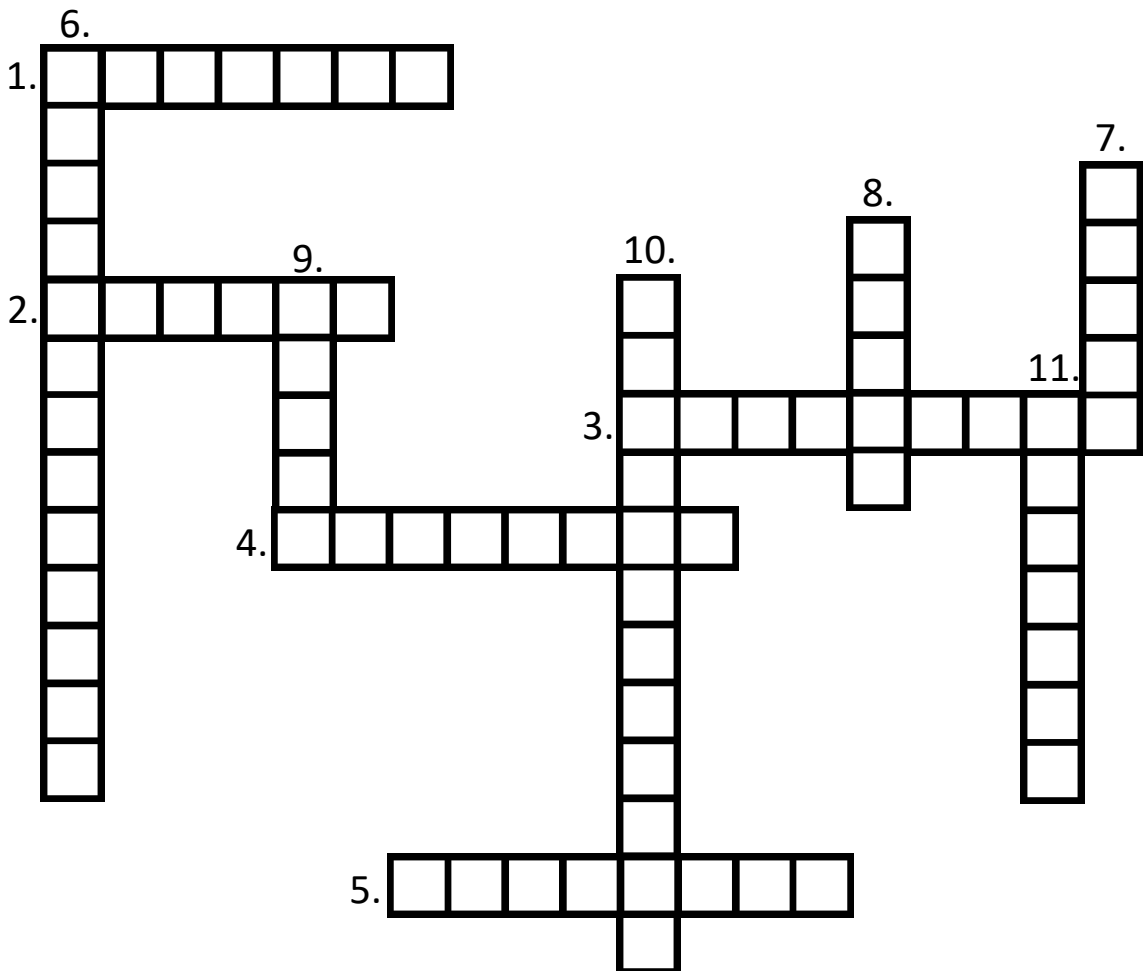
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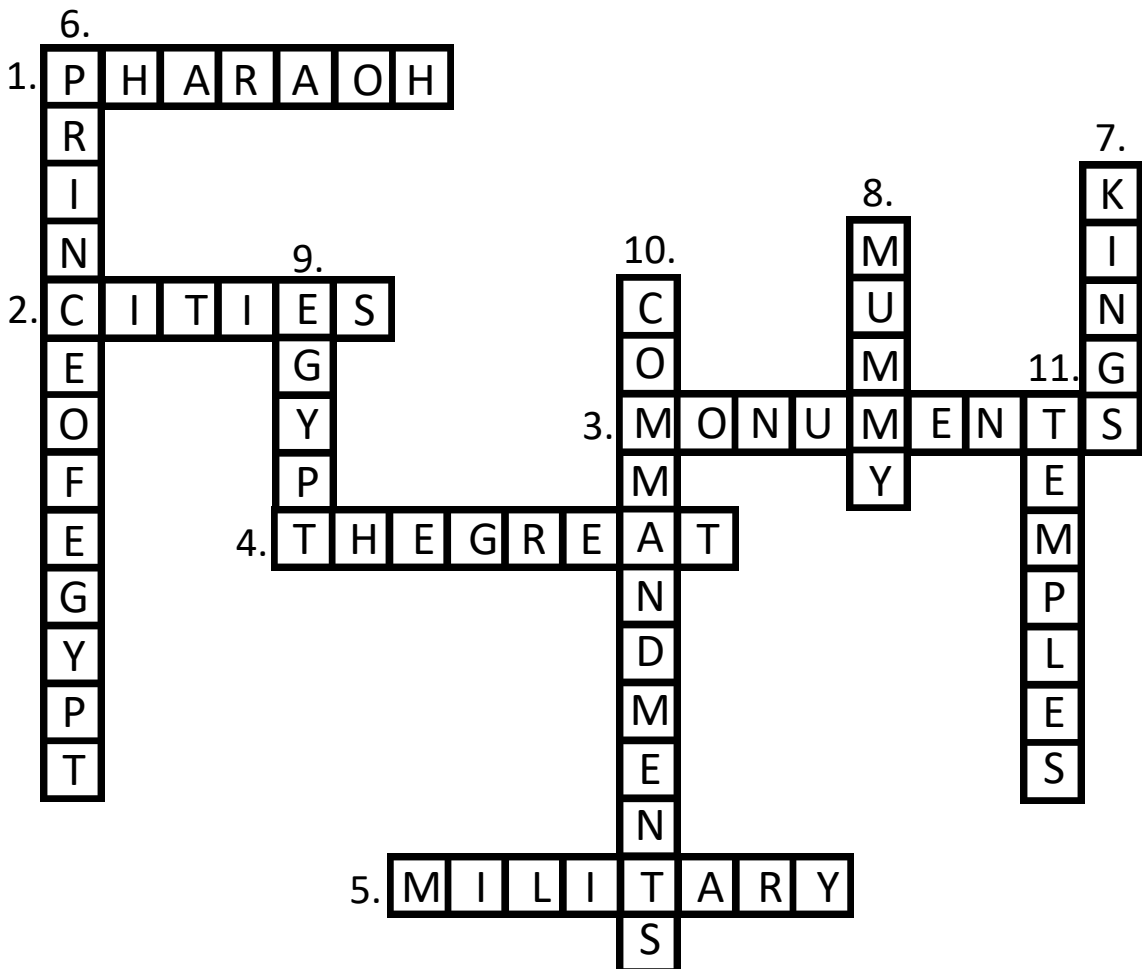
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