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Case 4 – *Seals and Sealing*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- Cylinder seals were invented around _____ BC
- Impression #7 shows the *monster* H_____ who was killed by the hero G_____ in the famous Epic.
- Impression #6 shows the sun god S_____ cutting his way with a saw through mountains on the horizon.
- Impression #9 shows at a banquet (feast). What are they doing? D_____ (Probably beer)

Interpretation:

- Inspect the tablet and envelope (#22). Note the traces of *cylinder seal impressions* around the edges of the envelope. How is this process similar to the practice of using seals of wax on parchment documents of much later times in the medieval world?
- In so far as I know there are no examples of where a seal has become stuck to a tablet marring the impression. What does that tell us about the wetness/dryness of the clay used?
- What might lead you to conclude that it was the *wealthier classes* who possessed cylinder seals?
- Examine seal impression #15. Why would the seal owner Hash-Hamer (?) want to say he is “the servant” of Ur-Nammu the king of the city of Ur?
- Examine the winged disk above the people and winged figures in seals #16, 17 and 21. Some writers have claimed this represents a flying saucer. Comment.

Extension &

Research:

- *Make a cylinder seal* of your own using a small piece of dowel or a cylinder of dry clay. Draw your figures first and use a SAFE METHOD to engrave some of them. Try your seal out on a piece of dryish clay Show your results to your teacher.
- *Make a clay tablet* (no need to write on it). Dry in the sun and then enclose it in clay to form an envelope. When thoroughly dry in the sun take it to school and carefully crack it open in front of your class. What do you observe? Has the envelope stuck to the tablet? Comment.

- Cylinder and stamp seals are mentioned several times in the Bible. List some references using a *concordance*.
- Hundreds of *clay bullae* (impressions of stamp seals) have been excavated in the rubble of 6th century BC Jerusalem. List the dozen or so persons whose names appear who are named in the Bible.

Case 20 – *Death & Burial in Ancient Egypt*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The ancient Egyptians developed a *writing material* made from reeds that grew in the river Nile. It is called P_____ (see top label).
- The river Nile flows from the South to the North. Northern Egypt was called L_____ Egypt; Southern Egypt was called U_____ Egypt.
- The *Judgement Papyrus* shows a scene from the set of Egyptian beliefs known as The Book of the D_____.
- The god weighing the heart of the lady has a *jackal* head. His name is A_____.
- The *dark brown* ushabti (worker for the afterlife) on the right of the four carries a h_____ for working in the *garden*.
- The *name* of the Egyptian scribe god and god of wisdom is T_____.
- The *heart* of the lady being weighed against the *goddess* (or more usually the *feather*) of truth named M_____.
- The *god* of the Egyptian underworld was named O_____. He was the father of Horus.
- The god *Horus* (on the papyrus he is called Haren-dotes the later Greek form of his name) has the head of *which bird*?
- About how *long* did Egyptians take to mummify and wrap a dead body?
- What is the *type of ancient Egyptian writing* called which is on the papyrus and the heart scarab?
- Give the Egyptian *word* for mummy cloth?

Interpretation:

- The judgement of the lady U-nen-nefer shows the scales *balancing*. Why did the Egyptians show this to be the case when the dead person had *yet* to be judged?
- How is the Egyptian idea of judgement similar to and different from that of the Bible writers? (see Daniel 5:27 and Galatians 6:7).
- Why did the Egyptians sometimes place a *scarab* (a model of the dung beetle Kheper – the god of resurrection) inscribed with a prayer from chapter XXXB of the Book of the Dead, in the wrappings near the heart of the mummy?
- The term *hieroglyphs* is a Greek word meaning “sacred writing.” Why might writing be considered sacred?

Extension & Research:

- The book of Genesis in the Bible describes the mummification and mourning of Jacob as lasting 70 days (Gen. 50:3). How is this important to arguing that the Biblical writers were accurate in their knowledge of Egyptian practices?
- The Bible tells us the name the pharaoh gave Joseph the Egyptian name *Zaph-enath-Paneah*. At his death Joseph was mummified and placed in a coffin in a tomb (Gen. 50:26). When the Israelites left Egypt they took Joseph's body and carried it to Canaan and re-buried it at the village of Shechem (Joshua 24:32). Do you think the original tomb of Joseph in Egypt might be discovered some day? What might be the *name* of the tomb owner painted on the walls?
- The human-shaped mummy cases which came into use about 2000 BC in the Middle Kingdom were frequently painted with the goddesses Isis, Nephthys and the vulture Nekh-bet stretching their *wings* around the body. Why? Look up the word *wings* and *feathers* in a concordance to the Bible. How many references are there to the protecting "wings" of God?

Case 3- *The Development of the Lamp in Palestine*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The Canaanite four-spouted lamp #1 comes from the *famous city* of H_____ mentioned in the Bible (See Joshua 11 etc.) and Egyptian inscriptions.
- The first lamps were *handmade* like #1. The lamps after it were made on a w_____ or made by pouring slip clay into moulds.
- List the numbers of the *moulded* lamps displayed in case #3.
- King David would have used a lamp like #3. How *old* is this lamp?
- Little lamp #5 comes from the tomb of a man *named* J_____.
- The *oldest* lamp in Case 3 dates to _____ BC. The *most recent* dates to AD _____.
- Lamp #7 would have been well known to Jesus and his brothers and sisters. What is *unusual* about how this sort of lamp was made?

Interpretation:

- Most of the lamps show *signs of being used*. Explain.
- The style of lamps *changed fashion very quickly* in the ancient world. This means lamps make a good dating tool for the archaeologist to use. Why?
- What is the *sign* on the top of lamp #10 and what does it mean?
- What other *signs & symbols* were used on Christian lamps (Hint: lamp #12)?

Extension & Research:

- Jewish lamps like #11 do not have *people* on them like the Roman one #9. Instead they have images of palm branches, grapes, figs, pomegranates and sacred temple implements. Why? (Hint: see Exodus 20:4).

- Lamp #11 has the seven-branched candlestick or *menorah* on the top. This was long after the Romans had destroyed King Herod's Temple. Why do you think the *menorah* is on the lamp?
- What did ancient people use for *wicks* and *fuel* in their lamps?

Case 22 – Weapons and Warfare

Observation/

Factual recall:

- Name the *metal* alloy produced by melting tin and copper together. B_____
- The *smelting of iron* was discovered sometime between 2000 and _____ BC.
- The bronze sword #1 comes from between the 13th and 10th centuries BC. How many *thousands of years ago* was the 13th century BC?
- An ancient people who once lived in the mountains of Turkey made axe #5. Who were they? (Hint: there were two soldiers of this nationality in King David's army – 1 Sam. 26:6; 2 Sam. 11).
- How many *cutting edges* do all of the swords and daggers in Case 22 have?
- The three arrowheads (#7) are made of which *metal alloy*?
- How much do the sling bullets (#8) *weigh* each? What are they made of?

Interpretation:

- *Why* was bronze a better metal for making weapons than copper?
- What was the problem cause by using spearheads with a *tang* (long prong) that fitted into the wooden spear pole?
- Why was *iron* superior to *bronze* for making weapons?
- The copper dagger blade #2 was held to the handle with a *single rivet*. Give a reason why such a dagger might be risky to use in battle (Hint: compare it with later dagger #3).
- The soldiers of Abraham's bodyguard (Genesis 14:14) would probably have possessed axes like #4 and have been dressed like the soldier to the right. These axes could cut through s_____ armour.
- Look closely at the *swords* used by the Israelites against the Canaanite charioteers in the painting of the Battle of the Kishon River (Judges 4-5). The *sickle* swords have a *single* cutting edge. These were used in the time of the Judges of Israel. How are they different to a real sickle? (Think and look at the painting carefully!).

Extension &

Research:

- The *Hittites* mentioned in the Bible were once considered to be mythological according to the Encyclopedia Britannica (!). Then Professor Rev. A. H. Sayce discovered the ruins of their cities. What does this teach us about interpreting the Bible using current archaeological evidence?
- During the Second World War British airmen frequently painted messages like "Happy Birthday Adolf!" and "Greetings Goering" on the bombs to be dropped on Germany. Compare with the *messages* on sling bullets like #8A (on the left).

- Research the famous *left-handed swordsman* of the Bible who probably used a sword like #1 (Judges 3:15 ff.).

Case 16 - *Deciphering the Rosetta Stone*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The Rosetta Stone was *discovered* in the year _____.
- The stone has *three types of writing* used in Egypt around 196 BC. What are they? (see labels at *left*) _____, _____, and _____.
- The word *hieroglyphs* means s_____ e_____.
- How much does the real Rosetta Stone *weigh*?
- The first person to recognise that the writing in the top part of the Rosetta Stone was a mixture of *phonetic* (ie. sound) signs and signs for *whole words and titles* was a *French scholar* named Ch_____?
- Champollion's knowledge of the C_____ language (the descendent of the ancient Egyptian language passed down by Christianised native Egyptians) enabled him to work out possible meanings of hieroglyphic words he was beginning to decipher.
- The stone has several *ring or oval shapes* on it, which enclose *royal names*. The shape is named after the French word for a cartridge: c_____.
- The *name* of the Greek king inside these rings on the Rosetta Stone is P_____.

Interpretation:

- Compare the *hieroglyphic* section with the *demotic script* in the middle. Which do you think would be the more difficult to *learn*? Which would be *faster* to write with on papyrus with *pen and ink*?
- What is the meaning of the Greek word *Demotic*? (Compare some other words derived from the Greek word demos meaning “the people” eg. *democracy*, *demonstration*). What has this to do with *demotic* script?
- Hieroglyphs can be written *backwards*. How do you know which in *direction* to read it?

Extension &

Research:

- The *obelisk from the island of Philae* assisted in the decipherment of Egyptian hieroglyphs. How?
- What other ancient cultures used *hieroglyphic scripts*?
- Research *codes & code breaking*. How was the discovery of the Rosetta Stone like finding a coded message and its decoded “translation” and how would this assist in cracking the code?
- The *French* discovered the Rosetta Stone. How did it come to be in the *British Museum*?
- There are three basic forms of script used in writing a language.

The *pictographic* scripts require signs for whole words so there have to be hundreds of signs. The script is clumsy and sometimes the meaning is ambiguous (eg. Chinese).

The *phonetic* scripts which mean that there are signs for each sound (called a *phoneme*) or *syllable* in a language; e.g. gud, ka, na, sha *etc.* This means you can use fewer signs but in many different combinations to make words.

Alphabetic scripts use single signs for consonants (hard sounds) and vowels (open mouth sounds). So with 20 or 30 signs (letters) you can make up thousands of words with different sounds.

Egyptian hieroglyphs are a mixture of all three!

- Research the origins of writing.

Case 38 - *The Tools & Art of the Stone Age*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The term *Acheulean* refers to one type of style of stone tool made by the H_____ e_____ people.
- *Lady of Brassempuoy* (#7) is carved from m_____ i_____.
- About how *old* is the carving of the *chamois deer* (#8) thought to be?
- When did the *bow* begin to be used? (#11).
- The *Stone Age* is divided into three sections. They are the P_____, the M_____, and the N_____.
- The Cro-Magnon people used *mammoth ivory* to make numerous items. List *five* (Label #10)

Interpretation:

- Would stone tools be easy to manufacture? How *durable* would they be?
- Why do you think some stone tools (eg. the laurel leaf-shaped spear heads of #6) look attractive and stylish? Would they need to be so to kill an animal? Why do you think they were made to look *beautiful*?
- Compare the patterns on the heads of the *Lady of Brassempuoy* (#7) and the *Venus of Willendorf* (#5). What conclusions can you possibly draw about headgear for women?
- The *horse head* carved on the bone appears to be wearing a *rope halter*. Compare this to the horse head from St-Michel 'Arudy pictured on page 194 of *The Making of Mankind* by Richard Leakey, Michael Joseph, London, 1981). Discuss this evidence for the theory that the horse was *domesticated* long before was previously thought.
- Inspect the various types of arrowheads (#s 12, 13, 14, 16, 17). Compare the made-for-tourists American Indian arrowheads with those of early people to the left. What do you notice?
- The "Kimberley Points" made by aboriginals, are *not* arrowheads. How do we know this?
- The beautiful Kimberley Points have tiny *serrated* edges. Why? Compare with some modern steak knives.
- Why do some of these arrowheads have *barbs*?

Extension & Research:

- Some stone tools are found in places where the type of stone they are manufactured from does not occur naturally. How did the people obtain the stone?
- Archaeologists are able to identify the types of stone and where it came from by its “chemical fingerprint” using *neutron activation analysis*. How does this work?
- The female figurines (#s 4 &5) are thought to be images of an earth mother by some scholars. Can you think of any contemporary examples of the pagan myth that the earth is a living mother?
- The tiny *serrated edges* on the Kimberley Points are known as *secondary working*. What does this mean and how did the aboriginal people produce such serrations?
- Inspect label #10. Flutes made of ivory have been found in many excavations of the Cro-Magnon people and the earlier Neanderthal people. This has helped correct the old view of the Neanderthal as dim-witted, brutish people. Research the evidence for the early Neanderthal use of musical instruments.
- What are some of the *practices* of man that distinguish him from the apes? Discuss in the context of *artistic practices* (cave art), the use of *music* (flutes and whistles) or burial of the dead.

Case 61 – New Kingdom Egyptian Temple Model

Observation/

Factual recall:

- Who is *bathing* in the sacred lake?
- The *front* faces of the **pylons** show the pharaoh in red and white crowns *clubbing* (or smiting) his c_____ or prisoners (Hint: look behind the obelisks for a label).
- On the **pylons** the pharaoh wears the *double crown* made up of the R_____ Crown of Lower (North) Egypt and the W_____ Crown of Upper (Southern) Egypt.
- There are *two huge s_____* of the pharaoh either side of the temple gate.
- How many *columns* are there in the colonnades surrounding the courtyard?

Interpretation:

- Why would a *scribe* set up office near the temple gate?
- Inside the courtyard a man & wife are presenting a *votive tablet* to the god. Look up the word *votive* and suggest a reason why they might be doing this.
- Why might the temple complex need to be surrounded by *walls*?

Extension & Research:

- Egyptians believed that the *fluttering pennants* on the pylons indicated the presence of the god inside the sanctuary of the temple. Research the association between *wind* and the presence of the God of Israel as recorded in the Bible.
- The *obelisks* outside the temples were frequently very massive - 200-260 tonnes. Research the theories proposed to explain *how* the ancient Egyptians stood them up.

- Notice the *hundreds* of gods and goddesses painted on the walls of the temple. Approximately how many gods/goddesses were there (see an encyclopedia)? Comment in the light of Exodus 12:12.

Case 62 – Roman Villa of the Imperial Period

Observation/

Factual recall:

- What are the servants *pressing* in the courtyard?
- Two types of *birds* are being raised at the rear of the house. They are g_____ and c_____.
- The slaves are carrying a wild p___ killed in a hunt.
- How many *horses* can you see in the stable area?
- One of the slaves in the garden has had an *unfortunate experience*. What is it?
- At the *rear* of the house a t_____ passes by.
- The house owner and his wife are standing at the *main gate*. Why?
- What is *inside* the litter being carried on the street?

Interpretation:

- Why is there a *wall* around the house?
- Describe some of the *activities* going on in and around this villa.
- Why is the street outside *paved* with blocks of stone?
- What is the *ornamental garden* being used for? What does this tell us about the wealth of the family that owns the villa?
- There is a long portico or colonnade at the rear of the house, as well as grapevines growing over the peristyles or pergolas. Give a modern Australian practice that parallels this (Hint: compare the *climates* of Italy and Australia).

Extension &

Research:

- *Olive oil* was a very important commodity in the ancient world. List several uses for it in ancient society.
- *Slavery* was very common in the Roman period. However slaves were frequently treated very well and preferred to remain with their owners even after given their freedom. Give some *reasons why*.
- The horse being ridden out of the stabling yard has a *saddle*. Research when saddles were first used in the ancient world.
- The house has two *wells* for water supply. In cities the water was sometimes piped in via aqueducts and supplied to houses in lead pipes. Research Roman aqueducts. How much did they have to “fall” ie. *slope down over* a Roman mile to ensure the water would flow?
- The Romans were able to make water flow *uphill*. How did they do this?
- Why would you not wish to drink water supplied in *lead pipes*?

- The ancient Romans are renowned for their *roads*. Research Roman road building. *Who* built the roads?

Case 43 – Egyptian Ushabtis – Servants for the Afterlife

Observation/

Factual recall:

- For what *purpose* were ushabti figures placed in Egyptian tombs?
- List *three materials* the Egyptians used to make ushabtis.
- *How many* figures were in a full set of ushabti workers?
- List *two jobs* the ushabti is supposed to perform in the afterlife (see orange label).
- Ushabti number 4 is carrying a *rope basket* over his left shoulder (look carefully at the right-hand figure showing the back of ushabtis #4). What might this be used for?
- Sh_____ was the mother of Nes-per-neb-djed (ushabti #9).
- Compare the *style* of the *beards* of ushabtis 3,4,5,6,7,8,9. What do you notice?

Interpretation:

- Ushabti #8 was manufactured for Amasis “overseer of the royal ships.” *Draw the sign* you might expect to mean “ship.”
- The name of the admiral on ushabti #8 is Amasis (pro: Ar-may-sees). Why do you think his name is enclosed in a *cartouche*?
- What is the meaning of the Egyptian word *mes-es*. How does this relate to the name Moses?
- What *tools* do the ushabtis carry? Why?
- Explain the connection between Walt Disney’s *Fantasia*, the story of the “Sorcerer’s Apprentice”, and Egyptian ushabti figures.

Extension &

Research:

- Several of the ushabtis in Case 43 are glazed with *faience*. Research what *faience* is, what it was made from, and how the ancient Egyptians used it.
- The ushabtis use the term “Osiris (of) so-and-so” where so-and-so is the person’s name. Why is this so?
- *Draw the sign* for a soldier which means “Commander of the Army” which is used in lines 1 & 2 of ushabti #4. What *weapon* is he using?
- The Late Period around 1000 BC was when Egypt was *weak*. However it was at this time that Israel was *strong* under King David and King Solomon. Explain the connection.

Case 64 – A Roman Amphitheatre

Observation/

Factual recall:

- How many people could be *seated* in the Colosseum in Rome?
- How many levels of arches did the Colosseum have on the outside?

- Why was the “Colosseum” so called?
- What was the floor of the Colosseum made of?
- Why did Romans sometimes *flood the arena* of amphitheatres?
- What facilities were constructed at ground level under the arches & tunnels of the amphitheatre?
- How were wild animals brought to the arena floor from their cages under the Colosseum?
- What *recent practice* in Spain is derived from the Roman practice of killing animals for sport?

Interpretation:

- The Romans brought animals from the ends of the empire to be killed in their amphitheatres. Many were shipped from Africa. *How* did this affect the *numbers of animals* in these countries?
- Why do you think that the citizens of Rome *enjoyed watching slaughter* of animals and people in the amphitheatres?
- The Colosseum was equipped with an *adjustable canvas roof*. Why?

Extension & Research:

- Research what the Roman writers said about *how they felt about the cruel killing of Christians* in the amphitheatres of Rome particularly during the reigns of the emperors Nero and Domitian.
- Research *three types of Roman gladiators* who fought in the arenas of amphitheatres. Describe their weapons and how they fought. You might view the film Gladiator for some illustration here.
- Write a *short story* of an incident in the life of a gladiator.
- *Build a small diorama of gladiators fighting*. You should be able to buy some inexpensive gladiator figures for your model. Label the parts.
- Many films show the audiences in amphitheatres giving the “*thumbs down*” sign and shouting ‘iugula!’ (i.e. “cut his throat”) to indicate they wish a losing gladiator to die. Research whether or not the thumbs down sign was actually used
- How much canvas (in m²) would have been needed to completely roof the Colosseum? Consult your maths teacher for the formula for the *area of an ellipse*.

Case 67 – Model of the Ancient World

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The ancient Egyptians called the *Mediterranean Sea* the G_____ S_____Sea
- *Mesopotamia* means “the land b_____ the rivers”
- The *two most important rivers* of Mesopotamia are the T_____ and the E_____
- The **green arching region** is known as the F_____ Cr_____

- Approximately *how far is it in a straight line* from **Thebes** (in southern or Upper Egypt) and **On** in Lower (Northern) Egypt? See the **GREEN PINS**
- Approximately *how far is it in a straight line* from **Babylon** (in Mesopotamia) to **Carchemish** (north-west in Syria)? See the **BLUE PINS**

Interpretation:

- Ancient travellers preferred to take the longer arching route (painted green on the model) in travelling from Egypt to Mesopotamia and *vice versa*. Why?

Extension & Research:

- There are records of various Assyrian kings on military campaign in Palestine travelling *directly* across the Arabian desert back to Nimrud and Nineveh in northern Iraq. Suggest a possible reason.
- The land of Canaan (now Israel/Palestine) lay between the great civilizations of Egypt and Mesopotamia. How did this geographical fact influence its history?

Case 44 – *Tutankhamun*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- How *old* was Tut-ankh-amun at his *death*?
- The gold death mask is made in the shape of the *n*_____ headdress.
- The collar of the death mask is inlaid with various types of precious stones including *l*_____ *l*_____, a dark bluestone from Afghanistan.
- The *cobra goddess* *W*_____ sits on the right of the king's forehead. She represents the land of *L*_____ or northern Egypt.
- The *vulture goddess* *N*_____ sits on the left side of the king's forehead. She represents the land of *U*_____ or southern Egypt.
- The *hieroglyphic inscription* on the rear of the mask is #151B from the *B*_____ of the *D*_____ (see #1b).
- The *golden throne* (#2a) was found underneath the *h*_____ bed in the first chamber of the tomb.
- The *legs and feet* of the throne are *l*_____ paw shaped.
- The *armrests of the throne* enclose a winged *sn*_____ wearing the double crown of united Egypt.
- The small gold figure of Tut-ankh-amun (#3) wears the *b*_____ (colour) crown or *war crown*.
- On the *backrest of the throne* above the king and queen is the god *Aton* represented as the *s*_____ disc.
- Name one of the nine gods of the *Ennead* (see #1b)
- Tut may have been a son of Pharaoh Akhenaton and a *minor wife* named *K*_____ (see family line chart at front of case 44).

Interpretation:

- Each part of the *death mask* was thought to be a part of the body of one of n_____ gods of Egypt (the *Ennead*).
- Why would a king wish to have a throne with *lions' heads and paws*?
- Give the *two names* of Tut on the cylinder seal impression (#4) and their *meanings*.
- Why did the Egyptians depict *hands* on the ends of the sunrays emanating from the Aten (solar disc) on the backrest of Tut's throne?

Extension & Research:

- The small figure of Tut-ankh-amun (#3) holds the *Heqa* (crook-sceptre) and the *Nekh-a-kha* (flail). These are symbols of the god Osiris. Research these symbols.
- What was the purpose of the *Death Mask* in Egyptian beliefs?

Case 48 – *The Roman Fort*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The fort is shaped like a playing c_____ (see side label).
- Which English word for a fortress constructed of stone is derived from the Latin *Castellum* meaning fort?
- The fort has f_____ gates.
- There are s_____ barracks buildings for the soldiers in the fort.
- The Headquarters building is called the p_____
- The road leading from the east gate to the headquarters building is named the v_____ P_____
- What is the latrine?
- The south gate was called the P_____ P_____ D_____
- Soldiers on g_____ duty stand on the ramparts and towers.

Interpretation:

- Each barracks building held e_____ soldiers and the centurion who commanded these men.
- Why would a granary be constructed with a raised wooden floor?
- Why is the latrine constructed as far as possible from the barracks blocks?
- What obvious characteristic of Roman forts (and towns) did the Western world inherit?
Hint: consider the regular layout of the fort.

Extension & Research:

- A *century* of soldiers should actually have been 100 men. Why were there usually only 80 or so in a *century*?
- The *principia* housed the **battle standards** of the cohort. What were these?

- This size fort accommodated about 500 men (one cohort of a legion). How large was a legion and how many cohorts did it usually have?
- Describe the weapons and equipment of a Roman legionary.
- How many *marches* were Roman soldiers expected to undertake each month?
- What is the difference between a *legionnaire* and a *legionary*?
- Notice that some soldiers have *green* shields, some *red* (and other colours). What did the colour signify?

Case 6 – Coinage of the Ancient World

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The earliest *money* consisted of lumps of e_____, a naturally occurring alloy of gold and silver.
- The earliest *coins* (ie. stamped money) were made in the mid ___th century (700-600) BC in the state of L_____ in Asia Minor (see **RED PIN**).
- List the *names of three Roman emperors* appearing on coins in Case #6.
- The Greek *tetradrachm* (pronounced “tet-rar-dramm” even though the singular word is *drachma* pronounced “drak-mar”) has the O___ of the goddess Athena on the obverse side.
- Coins 1 to 4 are made of s_____.
- One Roman *denarius* was equivalent in value to one Greek *d*_____ (see chart at bottom of case).

Interpretation:

- Why were Jewish coins stamped with images of fruit, plants and non-living objects rather than people or faces of people?
- Why would the Jews over stamp Roman coins? (see coin #25).
- Why would *merchants (traders) like the Phoenicians* whose ships traded with the many nations and states around the Mediterranean, prefer to use *coins* in their business transactions rather than bartering?

Extension &

Research:

- The *Perutah* (#11) was minted in Judaea by the same Pontius Pilate who surrendered Jesus to be crucified. The coin features an AUGER’S WAND. What is this and how does it throw some light on Matthew 27:19?
- The bronze coins stamped “Judea Capta” (#s 20, 21, 23) are examples of Roman propaganda. Explain.
- Coin #23 is stamped *SC* at the bottom. What does this mean?

Case 47 – Troy and the Trojan War

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The ancient city of Troy is in the country of T_____
- Who was the poet who composed the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*? H_____
- How many *levels* (layers of occupation) do archaeologists usually say the ruins of Troy have today? T_____ (see yellow sidebar)
- The archaeologist who believed that Troy was a real place and not imaginary was H_____ Schliemann
- Most scholars think that Homer lived in I_____ on the west coast of Turkey.
- What find (discovery) made by Heinrich Schliemann at Troy led him to believe that Level II was that of Homer's city? Hint: find the *red pin*.

Interpretation:

- Schliemann thought that layer or Level IIc was the ruins of Troy of the period of the Trojan War. Most scholars today believe that layer or Level s_____ is the remains of Homer's Troy.
- Note that three of the soldiers descending from the wooden horse have "figure of eight" *shields* made of oxhide. How might this explain that the Greek soldiers suffered *wounds* to their *sides*?
- How does the proverb "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts" relate to Homer's story of the Trojan War?

Extension &

Research:

- Research the weapons and armour of the Mycenaean soldier. Remember Homer probably lived in the *iron age* when iron weapons came into widespread use. However the weapons in the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* are *bronze*.
- Archaeology is a destructive science – evidence is destroyed in the very process of discovering it. Research the *damage* Schliemann's excavations did to the tell of Hissarlik and the difficulties this made for those who followed him.
- What happened to the hero *Achilles*? What part of the body and sports injury relates to his wound?

Case 13 – *The Great Flood & the Epic of Gilgamesh*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The cuneiform tablet K3375, part of Gilgamesh Tablet 11, was found in the Assyrian city of N_____ (label #1)
- The hero of the great flood in the Epic of Gilgamesh was Ut_____
- The writing on the two flood tablets is c_____. This script was used for writing various ancient languages on clay.
- The hero *Ziusudra* (pro. Zee-oos-ood-rar) called his ship "P_____ of the S_____ of humankind" (see label of column vi, Tablet 11, *Sumerian Flood Story*).
- Gilgamesh was a real king of the city of U_____

- After surviving the great flood the hero was granted i_____ by the gods.
- According to the Epic of Gilgamesh after the flood the hero went to live in the land of D_____ where there was no death or suffering (possibly modern Bahrain).
- The hero of the *Sumerian* story of the flood is named as Z_____ (see label #2)
- The *Sumerian* Flood lasted s_____ days and s_____ nights
- G_____ Smith rediscovered tablet K3375 in the British Museum in 18_____
- Noah's ark grounded on the mountains of Urartu or A_____.
- The ship of Utnapishtim grounded on Mt N_____ (see label of column ii line 140 of tablet K3375)

Interpretation:

- At the end of *Epic of Gilgamesh* the gods are very angry with the god Enlil (pro. En-leel), Why?
- In the *Epic of Gilgamesh* the goddess *Ishtar* (Venus) flings her lapis lazuli necklace into the sky as the sign that she will never forget the great flood. Compare and contrast this with the sign of the rainbow shown to Noah at the end of the Biblical flood.
- In the another ancient flood story, the *Epic of Atrakhasis* (not in Case #13), it is the noise of human kind on the earth upsetting the sleep of the gods in heaven which causes Enlil to send the flood. Compare and contrast this with the reason for the flood given in the book of Genesis 6:13.

Extension & Research:

- Research the ratios of *height* to *width* required for a ship to be *stable*. Analyse and compare the stabilities of the ship of *Gilgamesh* (cube of side 55m) 2/3 submerged according to the epic with that of *Noah* in the book of Genesis ("beginnings") in the Bible. Noah's ark was 300 cubits (137m) long, 50 cubits (23m) wide and (30 cubits) 14m high. *Suggestion:* look up shipbuilding in the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.
- Research stories of the *Great Flood* from *around the world*. Virtually *every* culture has one – Yes! even the Australian Aboriginals which they claim is their *own story* and did *not* come from missionaries! *Compare and Contrast* them.
- Read and summarise the Epic of Gilgamesh (see *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, edited by Betty Radice, Penguin Books 1972).
- *Build* models of the ark of Noah and the ship of Gilgamesh and compare their stabilities in water. *Suggestion:* use a scale of 1/1000 for the models.

Case 45 – The Small Golden Shrine Panel of Tutankhamun

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The shrine panel from the *rear* of the *small* shrine of Tutankhamun was discovered in the a_____ -chamber of his tomb (#1).

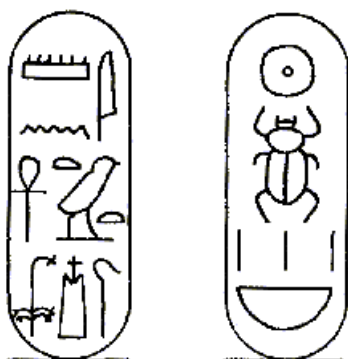
- The panel is made of embossed sheet gold *attached* to the wooden panels of the shrine by g_____ (two layers of plaster-soaked linen #1).
- The *vulture goddess* who protects the land of Upper (southern) Egypt is in the top left-hand corner. Her name is N_____
- In the top panel (#1) Tutankhamun wears the Blue or W____ crown.
- In the lower panel he wears the R____ crown of Lower (northern) Egypt.
- In the lower panel (#2) the king holds the c_____ and the f_____ in his right hand over his right shoulder.
- The panel is made of g_____ covered wood, but the sledge is wood covered with s_____.

Interpretation:

- What object *found in the shrine* led Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon to conclude that a statue was *missing* from the shrine?
- Below the vulture goddess *Nekhbet* in the top left-hand corner is the *ankh* or “life” sign as if the goddess is presenting it to Tutankhamun. What do you think this *means*?
- What is the meaning of the two *loop-shaped signs* (like a circle with a straight line under it) on the *bottom of the palm ribs* (below the tadpoles)?

Extension & Research:

- The scenes on both panels show a very relaxed, informal king and queen. Contrast this with the stiff, formal, severe poses, expressions, and attitudes of kings and queens in other periods. Hint: research *Amarna art*.
- Research the symbols of a pharaoh’s power – the *crook and flail*. What do they symbolize?
- Find the *translations* of the two cartouches of Tutankhamun (reproduced below) which appear in both panels



Case 14 – Egyptian Pharaohs

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The bust of Amenhotep (=Amenophis) III (#1) is *made from* qu_____.
- The *khepresh* is also known as the w____ crown and was worn in battle.
- All of the pharaohs depicted have the u_____ or *sacred snake* on their foreheads (see label #4 or lable #1)
- Which bust is the *oldest* in Case 14?
- Student sculptors first *sketched their figures* in r____ paint and then the master sculptor corrected their work in b_____ paint before the figures were carved (#2).
- The bust (#4) dates from the Pt_____ period when the Greeks had taken control of Egypt.

Interpretation:

- What *evidence* is there that the small white limestone bust (#3) was broken off a statue which had a *back pillar*?
- Busts #4 and #1 are carved from *very hard* stone. Yet the sculptor has been able to show the dimples behind the sides of the nose above the lips. Comment on the *skills* of the Egyptian sculptor.

Extension & Research:

- Some scholars believe that *Pharaoh Smenkare* was actually the name *Nefertiti* adopted as pharaoh after the death of Akhenaten? Research the evidence for and against.
- The *elongated faces and pouting lips* of the pharaohs on the sculptor's model (#2) are characteristic of the art of the Amarna period. Find some other examples of statues in this style from the Amarna period.

Case 49 – *The Parthenon*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The Parthenon was completed in _____ BC (label #1)
- The architects of the Parthenon were I_____ and K_____ (label #1)
- The Parthenon contained a wood and ivory statue of the goddess A_____ that was _____ m tall and covered in a gold dress which weighed _____ tonne.
- Name the sculptor of the statue of Athena and the Partheon frieze: P_____ (label #1).
- How many columns has the Parthenon along its outer long sides? _____ How many on the outer short sides? _____
- The main room of the Parthenon is called the c_____ or n_____
- The East PEDIMENT showed scenes of the b_____ of Athena.
- The rows of Doric columns along the sides of the Parthenon & other Greek temples were called the p_____
- The *metopes* of the *epistyle* are separated by t____-_____ painted blue.

- The small carved panels on the *epistyle* or outer lintel of the Parthenon are known as *m*_____
- T_____ such as pottery, weapons and furniture was stored in the *O*_____ or rear porch of the Parthenon.
- The eastern frieze shows the presentation of the *p*_____ or sacred robe to Athena.
- The four elders on the right of South Frieze block XXXVII (see label #5) possibly carry *pinakes* or w_____ b_____

Interpretation:

- The *north frieze* of the Parthenon is very famous for the beautiful sculpture composing it. Very few figures are alike and the scene is full of action and drama. Comment.
- Metope #32 on the northern side survived vandalism by the early Christians. Why? (see *orange label*).
- *Parthenon sculpture* is in the *British Museum*, the *Acropolis Museum* (near the Parthenon), the *Louvre in Paris*, and the *Palermo museum in Italy*, yet the *British Museum* is the only institution targeted by the media in its campaign to have the "Parthenon marbles" returned to Greece. Comment on *why* this might be.
- "The Parthenon sculptures should be returned to Greece." Agree or disagree? Give reasons.

Extension & Research:

- Earlier Greek temples had *six* columns on the narrow side. The Parthenon has *eight*. Why did Iktinos and Kalikrates choose eight?
- The Greek statesman *Perikles* paid for the construction of the Parthenon out of his own pocket. What reasons could you propose for his doing this?
- Research the *significance of the peplos* of Athena polias, how it was produced and *where* on the acropolis it was presented to *Athena polias*.
- The Parthenon is designed to please the eye, both in its *proportions* and its *curves*. Explain.
- The *friezes* of the Parthenon are in the *Ionic* style (as are the columns in the *opisthodomos* or rear porch) while the *peristyle* and *metopes* are in the *Doric* style. Why?

Case 50 – The Great Sphinx of Giza

Observation/

Factual recall:

- Pharaoh K_____ probably **constructed** the Great Sphinx in about _____ BC.
- The Sphinx was supposed to represent the *sun-god* H_____ ("Horus of the Horizon") in the form of the *lions* which guarded the gates to the U_____ on the horizons of Egypt.
- The face of the Sphinx was originally *painted* the colour r_____.
- The stone casing of the sphinx has been *repaired by at least two Egyptian Pharaohs*. They were T_____ IV and R_____ II.

- The sphinx is about _____m *long* and _____m *high*.
- Did *soldiers in Napoleon's army* destroy the nose of the sphinx? _____
- Three *types of erosion* that have damaged the Great Sphinx are: R_____, blowing S_____, and S_____ crystalization.

Interpretation:

- Why do archaeologists assume *Pharaoh Khafre* constructed the Great Sphinx?
- Why is it mistaken to date *human work* on the rock of the Great Sphinx by attempting to date the age of the erosion of the bedrock of the Sphinx?
- The model shows *three ancient Egyptians* observing the sphinx as it looks *today*. Why is this really an error? *Hint*: note the condition of the sphinx's nose and the cement reinforcing the headdress.

Extension &

Research:

- Research claims that the Sphinx contains *hidden chambers and passages*.
- Research the "*Dream Stela*." Who wrote it and why? What is its connection with the Great Sphinx?

Case 32 – Ancient Greek Sculpture

Observation/

Factual recall:

- Z____ was the *king of the gods* and the son of Chronos.
- P_____ was the *god of the sea*.
- H_____ was the *ruler* of the u_____ world.
- The *temple* of the goddess Artemis at the city of *Ephesus* was on of the s_____ wonders of the ancient world.
- Name one of the *symbols* of the god Poseidon _____
- The *mother* of Poesidon was? R_____
- Who was Alexander the Great's *teacher*? A_____
- How *old* was Alexander when he died?
- What is the *horse* from Argos made of? B_____
- Alexander was *buried* in the city of A_____ in Egypt.
- Who was **Apollo's** twin *sister*? _____
- A_____ was the Greek god of the **sun**.
- The Greek god of travellers was H_____

Interpretation:

- Which science did Plato consider *perfect*? M_____
- *Plato's* teacher was S_____
- Plato despised anyone who did not have knowledge of M_____
- *Why* did Plato believe that the Heavenly bodies (planets) moved in *circles*?

- Why do some of Alexander's *coins* show *Herakles* (= the Roman *Hercules*) on the reverse side?
- Why do many people consider the *Argos horse* a beautiful piece of art?

Extension & Research:

- How would *Plato* NOT be considered a *scientific observer* in the modern sense.
- Research how the views of *Plato* and *Aristotle* misled *scientists and scholars* for centuries. Consider how the Christian church by adopting the false ideas of these two philosophers led it to wrongly consider the views of *Copernicus* and *Galileo* to contradict the Bible.
- What do you think of *Plato's* view that *philosophers* should govern societies?
- Research *how Alexander the Great died*. What is your theory?
- Research the incident at *Lystra* recorded in *Acts 14:12* where the two travellers the apostle *Paul* and associate *Barnabas* were thought by locals to be *Hermes* and *Zeus*. What made the locals attempt to worship them?

Case 33 – *Life and Times of Jesus*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- What would have been carried in the *pilgrim flask #1*?
- The *Roman nails* (#9) are made of i_____?
- Who drowned his brother in his own swimming pool? (#7) H_____
- The famous fragment of the *Gospel of John* in the *John Rylands library* (#11) in the University of Manchester was discovered in E_____
- The smallest *Jewish coin* in the first century AD was the l_____

Interpretation:

- Why is the flask #1 called a *pilgrim flask*?
- What is a *mosaic floor*?
- What *archaeological evidence* demonstrates that in crucifixion nails were driven through the wrist/forearm area rather than the palms of the hands (#5)?
- Why did the Romans mint coins inscribed *Judea Capta* and with the imagery of #6 after the capture and destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70?
- Why are pieces of papyrus like #11 rarely found except in very *dry* countries like Egypt?

Extension & Research:

- Research the life and career of the Roman procurator *Pontius Pilate*. Explain the link between the *symbols on his coins* and *his beliefs* as revealed in the gospel of Matthew 27:19.

- The fragment of John's gospel (#11) known as the *John Rylands papyrus* was discovered in Egypt. It dates to between AD 100 and 110, not long after the crucifixion of Jesus. Explain the significance of such finds to the *early* spread of Christianity.
- There were *five king Herods* named in the New Testament. Name each and briefly describe who they were and their historical significance.

Case 17 – Egyptian Hieroglyphs

Observation/

Factual recall:

- *True or False.* Ability to read and write was considered a sign of high status in Ancient Egypt. _____
- Scribes were *not* required to do m_____ l_____ in ancient Egypt (label #2).
- *Hieratic* writing was a c_____ (or flowing/running) form of hieroglyphs (side bar).
- How many *colours* (other than red & black) have been found on scribe's writing palettes? (label #4)
- Draw the *Hieratic* sign for "scribe".
- Scribe *Hesi-ra* was buried at the city of S_____

Interpretation:

- Draw the sign for "*hairdresser*" on the tomb inscription. What do you think this shape *represents*? According to the inscription what other more important **posts** did this man hold? _____
- What does the *sign #10* (Egyptian "per") represent? _____

Extension &

Research:

- Research the meaning of the word "Pharaoh". How is it written in hieroglyphs? _____

Case 10 – Ancient Sumer 1

Observation/

Factual recall:

- *Both* the Sumerian and Akkadian civilizations wrote on clay tablets using different types of c_____ script for their differing languages
- Name *two* Sumerian rulers who stamped texts naming themselves on mud bricks - _____ and _____
- The *goddess N* _____ was the wife of the Sumerian moon god Nanna (called Sin by the Akkadians)
- The *stone lamp* (#) is carved in the form of a bull with h_____s and b_____

Interpretation:

- Both the Sumerian and Akkadian civilizations wrote on clay tablets using c_____ script
- What is the Sumerian man (#) wearing? And what was **one** type of *animal* the Sumerians raised? s_____
- The Sumerian man is a *votive figurine*. What does this mean?

Extension & Research:

- Research the Sumerians and what they contributed to the *technology* used in Mesopotamia.
- Research the *gods* of the Sumerians. Explain the relationships between the deities
- What is a *Foundation Deposit* (see # 5) What modern practice parallels this ancient one (used by many ancient peoples)?

Case 40 – The Valley of the Kings

Note: the model depicts most of the EAST valley. There are two *wadis* in the east valley

To view the tomb plans, press your finger on the two screws next to the Pharaoh’s name; position your head perpendicular to the glass and line up the red diode with the tomb entrance

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The *Valley of the Kings* is located on the W_____ bank of the Nile because burials were made where the sun set (and "died" every day)
- *Three types of sedimentary rocks* are sandwiched together in the valley. They are L_____, S_____, and M_____.
- How many streams still occasionally flood into the valley? ____
- The tombs in the Valley of the Kings were constructed during the ___th to ___th *dynasties* (lines of pharaohs from 1550 BC to 1050 BC).
- Most of the *tombs* were r_____ in ancient times.
- List some of the *types of workmen* who excavated the tombs in the Valley of the Kings.

Interpretation:

- What does the abbreviation *KV* stand for?

- Some *nobles* were buried in the Valley of the Kings in addition to pharaohs as well as some queens. Why do you think some nobles are buried here?

- Who were the *Medjay* and what was their role? _____

_____.

- The Valley of the Kings is located near a *mountain resembling a pyramid*. Since pharaohs were buried in *pyramids* in the Old Kingdom so that they would be protected by the structure of the pyramid and so that the shape of the pyramid would assist in sending the dead pharaoh to the starry heavens above. Why might this have influenced the Egyptians to choose the current valley as a royal necropolis ("city of the dead")?
- Some of *Tutankhamun's* (tomb KV 62) possessions were buried in a pit (KV 54) away from the King's tomb. Why? _____

- Approximately *how far across* is the eastern valley? _____metres.

Extension & Research:

- Research the *Deir el-Bahari cache* (pro. Caysh **NOT** cash-ay). The mummies of which pharaohs were found in this cache and why were they found *here* and not in their own tombs?
- The *workers* who constructed the tombs in the valley lived in the nearby village of *Set-Ma'at* (pro. set Mah-art), known today as the *Village of the Workmen* at Deir el-Medina (pro. Dear el-Med-ee-nar). *Research* the discoveries there which tell us about their lives: diet, families, neighbourhood disputes, crimes, family structure etc.
- The *Valley of the Kings* is located near a *mountain resembling a pyramid*. Since pharaohs were buried in *pyramids* in the Old Kingdom so that they would be protected by the structure of the pyramid and so that the shape of the pyramid would assist in sending the dead pharaoh to the starry heavens above. Why might this have influenced the Egyptians to choose the current valley as a royal necropolis ("city of the dead")?
- Research the *Valley of the Queens* and who was buried there.
- Research the papyri referring to *tomb robberies* in ancient Egyptian times (*Papyrus Abbott, Papyrus Meyer A, and Papyrus Amherst*).

Case 30 – The Mycenaeans

Observation/

Factual recall:

- *The Mycenaean* civilization emerged around _____ BC on mainland Greece.
- The ruler of Mycenaean city-states was called the W _____.
- Name three Mycenaean cities: _____, _____, _____.
- List three products exported by Mycenaean cities: _____, _____, _____.
- *Heinrich Schliemann* commenced excavating the city of M _____ in 1874
- Name one type of Mycenaean pot exported all over the ancient world: S _____ J _____.
- The Mycenaeans spoke and wrote ancient G _____ and used a script historians call L _____.
- Name a form of Mycenaean transport: c _____.

- The Mycenaean Greeks are the same as the A_____ said by the poet Homer to have attacked the city of Troy.
- The so-called “cup of Nestor” was discovered in Grave ____ at Mycenae.
- Two types of cloth exported by the Mycenaeans were: L_____ and W_____.
- Mycenaean chariots were sometimes painted r_____.

Interpretation:

- Strangely the Mycenaeans do not appear to have used writing for anything but simple lists of items such as jars of wine or manufactured products. Why do YOU think this is the case? _____
 - Name the Mycenaean ruler *Heinrich Schliemann* thought was buried in grave III in Grave Circle A at the city of Mycenae. A_____.
 - Name one type of wood used to make chariots at Mycenae: _____. Why might this be so? _____ (#1).
 - The caldrons recorded on tablet #641 from Pylos were made of b_____ and had t_____ legs.
 - What was the *word* used for these vessels recorded on tablet #641 which proved Linear B was used to write the ancient *Greek* language? T_____
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Extension & Research:

- Research the history of the *chariot* and its use in Mycenaean armies.
- Research the famous *bronze armour* from Dendra. Describe how it was worn and how such troops fought.
- Research another *Linear B tablet* from a Mycenaean city. Write down the *syllables* for each of the signs in at least five of the signs and be able to read them in order.
- *Make a facsimile* (copy) of a Linear B tablet you find on the internet. You may have some difficulty deciding on the size of the tablet so assume the signs are approximately 1cm tall. Your report should give the full translation of the text in English.
- Many scholars believe the *Philistines* of the Bible were Mycenaeans. Research the *Sea Peoples* (=Peleset), *Philistines* and the Mycenaeans. What are your findings?
- Write an essay on *Michael Ventris* and describe how he deciphered the *Linear B* script.
- Describe the place and roles of *women* in Mycenaean society. Support your conclusions with information from Mycenaean *frescoes*.

Supplement: Questions for Biblical studies students:

- In addition to believing the Philistines were Mycenaeans some scholars believe the one-on-one contest between champions **David and Goliath** further supports that theory: cf. Achilles vs. Hector in the *Iliad*.

- Research the *weapons* and *equipment* used in the David/Goliath contest and compare them with those of Mycenaean warriors.

Case 29 – *The Minoans*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The Minoan civilization was named after the mythical *bull-man monster* supposedly kept in the labyrinth beneath the palace of King M_____ at Knossos?
- How many floor levels did the Knossos palace have? _____
- Which English archaeologist began excavations at Knossos? Sir A_____ E_____.
- Name three Minoan cities. _____, _____, _____, _____.
- The Minoans occupied many islands in the A_____ Sea.
- The *reception hall/throne room* in Minoan times was called the M_____.
- What is a *fresco*? _____
- Which Minoan *island* was destroyed by a volcanic explosion? T_____. Hint: today it is a popular tourist destination.
- Draw *two of the signs* on the clay disc found at the town of Phaistos. _____

Interpretation:

- What *natural phenomenon* may have caused the Minoans to believe that a bull was roaring underground? _____
- The Minoans were an *island* civilization. So they needed S___ and B_____ to travel.
- Scholars once thought the Minoan civilization to be *idyllic* with equal rights for all. What finds from Knossos and elsewhere show that the Minoans had a *darker* more sinister side?

- Name some “modern” *conveniences* the Minoans used: _____

- What *features* of Minoan city buildings show advanced thinking about domestic architecture and are common in our society? Hint: design, decoration, utilities _____

- Many *animals* feature in Minoan frescoes. Name at least *three*: _____

Extension &

Research:

- Inspect some of the *frescoes* found in Minoan buildings. What can they tell us about women’s fashions (dresses, hairstyles)? _____

- The Minoans were *polytheistic* (worshipped many gods/goddesses). What archaeological finds demonstrate this fact? Hint: consider various caves and sacred sites _____

Case 34 – *Cuneiform Tablets from Alalakh*

Observation/

Factual recall:

- The *city* of Alalakh in Turkey existed from about _____ BC to c. _____ BC
- Name the British archaeologist who commenced excavations at Alalakh. L _____
W _____
- Two levels at Alalakh level VII (c. 1720 BC to c. 1600 BC) and level IV (c. 1465BC to c. 1400 BC) were *especially important*. Why? _____

- Alalakh was a *wealthy city* because it controlled an important junction of *trade routes* via the nearby port of *al Mina*. Name *two* commodities traded through the region: C _____, I _____, C _____ wood.
- On tablet #AT 21 (label 2) Wan-Ti-ish-Ara *borrow*s some silver from the king. Until he pays it all back he must do what? _____
- Inspect Tablet AT 132 (label 3) what was *one* mode of transport in Alalakh? The C _____
- Do clay tablets ‘turn’ L-R or ‘flip’ Top-Bottom to the second side (reverse)? Compare to our coins and banknotes.
- Examine the plans of the palaces of level VII (in blue) and level IV (orange). Locate the lavatories (toilets). *How many* are in the *palace* at each period? (Note every domestic house excavated at Alalakh had at least *two* toilets!)

Interpretation:

- What do these tablets tell us about the *specialisation of occupation/labour types* around 1500 BC? Hint: *Tablet AT 132* (label 3) _____

- Tablet AT 66 (label 5) shows a faint impression of a *cylinder seal*. The king at left is *trampling on an enemy*? Why might this scene be used on a Royal Seal? _____

- Name *two cereals* referred to on tablets AT 262 (label 8) and At 243 (label6): B _____
And E _____
- Name a *god* worshipped in Alalakh. Hint: see Tablet AT83 (label 4). A _____

Extension &

Research:

- Research the career of *one* of the *early archaeologists* associated with Leonard Woolley. e.g. T. E. Lawrence (“of Arabia”), Max Mallowan or other. Give a brief *synopsis* (summary) of their career in archaeology and/or their adventures.

- The photograph of Leonard Woolley at *al Mina* the port town near Alalakh includes a *very famous lady*. Who is she; why is she present? _____

- Read her mystery story Murder in Mesopotamia or her hilarious account of life on an archaeological dig: Come Tell Me how You Live (still in print 2015).
- The goddess on the right of the cylinder seal on tablet AT 83 (label 4) holds out the *ankh* sign to the king at left. The *ankh* was an EGYPTIAN sign. *Why is it used here* in the north of Ancient Syria?
- The palaces of levels VII and IV at Alalakh had *at least two floor levels*. Why do we conclude this?

- Tablet AT 132 (label 3) refers to *musicians*. Research *three musical instruments* of the ancient world around 1500 BC.

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