

Pyramids Study Sheet

1. pyramid A monumental structure with a square or triangular base, typically used as a tomb.
2. Giza The site in Egypt where the most famous pyramids are located.
3. tomb A structure or chamber where the dead are buried.
4. Pharaoh A ruler in ancient Egypt, often buried in a pyramid.
5. Khufu The Pharaoh for whom the Great Pyramid of Giza was built.
6. limestone The primary material used in the construction of Egyptian pyramids.
7. step pyramid A type of pyramid with sides that resemble steps, like the one at Saqqara.
8. Saqqara The site of the first step pyramid in ancient Egypt.
9. Mesoamerican A region where pyramids were built by ancient civilizations like the Maya and Aztecs.
10. Teotihuacan The ancient Mesoamerican city known for the Pyramid of the Sun.
11. Maya An ancient civilization that built pyramids in Central America.
12. Pyramid of the Sun A large pyramid located in the ancient city of Teotihuacan.
13. Chichen Itza A Mayan city famous for the Pyramid of Kukulcan.
14. ziggurat A terraced pyramid-like structure built in ancient Mesopotamia.
15. Mesopotamia A region where ziggurats were built, often considered the cradle of civilization.
16. Sphinx A mythical creature with a lion's body and a human head, located near the pyramids of Giza.
17. burial chamber The room inside a pyramid where a body is laid to rest.
18. Aztecs A Mesoamerican civilization that built pyramids in what is now Mexico.
19. Nubian Pyramids Smaller pyramids built by the Kingdom of Kush in what is now Sudan.
20. Tikal A major Mayan city that features many pyramid-like temples.
21. alignment The precise orientation of pyramids with the cardinal directions or celestial bodies.
22. Valley of the Kings An area in Egypt where many pharaohs were buried in tombs rather than pyramids.
23. hieroglyphs The writing system used in ancient Egypt, often inscribed inside pyramids.
24. excavation The process of digging up remains of ancient structures like pyramids.