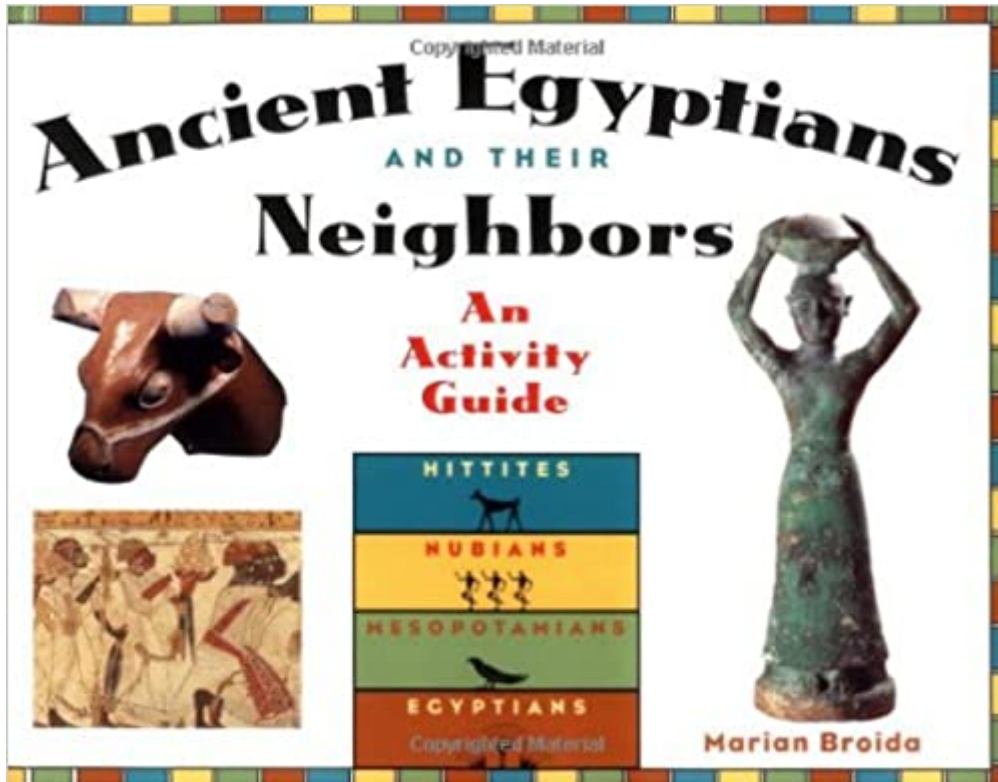


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Ancient Egyptians And Their Neighbors: An Activity Guide



Synopsis

Want to speak Hittite? Hold out a glass and ask for “wa-tar.” This unique activity book for children ages nine and up shows what life was like among the Nubians, Mesopotamians, Hittites, and their neighbors the Egyptians from around 3100 B.C., when Upper and Lower Egypt became one kingdom, to the death of Queen Cleopatra under the Romans, in 30 B.C. Projects such as building a Nubian irrigation machine, creating a Mesopotamian cylinder seal out of clay, making kilts like those worn by Egyptian boys and men, and writing in Hittite cuneiform help young readers to connect with these ancient cultures and see how profoundly they have influenced our own.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-8-The well-written text, adequate illustrations and reproductions, and manageable projects are reason enough to purchase this title. However, the truly unusual aspect of the book is that it includes the Mesopotamians, Nubians, and Hittites-generally not covered in books on Egypt. Broida provides a broad overview of the ancient Near East that allows readers to compare the different societies. Each chapter focuses on a different civilization and gives brief information on and activities related to its history, geography, architecture, clothing, writing, work, food, and religious beliefs. There are instructions for making models, costumes, and jewelry as well as recipes and writing and math activities. An outstanding time line that compares all four groups provides a visual understanding of the relationships and differences among the cultures. Finally, the far-reaching

bibliography is excellent. It is rare to find this much information packed into a single volume. Betsy Barnett, Eads School District, CO Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

The ancient cultures and civilizations of the Egyptians, Nubians, Hittites, and Mesopotamians are vividly brought to life in this excellent resource book. The fascinating history of these peoples is presented in a lively text, interspersed with instructions for approximately 40 projects about the clothing, architecture, writing, food, and other cultural aspects of the times. Easily obtained materials such as pillowcases, clay, styrofoam, and paper-towel tubes are used, and instructions are presented for making such things as Hittite shoes, a Nubian tomb, Egyptian sailboats, a Mesopotamian queen's headdress, and an Assyrian feast. Other activities include doing math, Sumerian style; reading Egyptian hieroglyphs; and playing games that illustrate travel of the times. The book will add excitement to ancient history units. Helen Rosenberg

We got this book as part of a curriculum on Ancient Egypt, and at first I was slightly disappointed. I am not sure exactly why, but I just didn't realize how much information was really in there. Maybe because the book is only two-toned in color or something, I just saw it as a bunch of basic projects (i.e. make a bracelet, make an Egyptian tunic, cook a fig cake) with some paragraphs of text interspersed. But over time, I came to appreciate the book more. We kept going back to it for some of the basic information in the text parts. And as we did some of the projects and compared it to other Egypt project books out there, we appreciated the versions in this book more. The recipes were easier, all the basic projects were covered (i.e. write in hieroglyphics, make a cartouche), and it was one of the only children's books out there who mention the Nubians and Hittites at all. Definitely the Egyptian section is the best of the four. I am not sure I would buy it as my star resource for the other three cultures. But we're definitely glad we bought it since we like it more than "Old Testament Days," "Make It Work," "Pyramids!", and even Broida's other book "Ancient Israelites." Worth the 11\$ to have it around.

We homeschool and this is a wonderful resource for teaching ancient history. It contains detailed and clearly-written histories of the civilizations it covers, and lots of fun activities to introduce kids to these cultures' clothing, food, jewelry and homes. We used it a great deal, and it is a bargain - lots of activities and information for a very reasonable price.

This is for those of you who are debating whether you should purchase this book: This book is more

than I'd hoped it would be, especially for only \$11. For each activity, there is also a lesson that tells its relevance. I was expecting maybe a 50 page "workbook" type activity guide, but this one has 173 pages, and isn't formatted like a workbook at all. Also, the maps in the book are very detailed and easy to read - and easy for my kids to understand. The pictures are in black and white, which is rarely any fun for kids, but for \$11, I think I've gotten my money's worth. :)

This book is a great resource. Using it (along with a few others) for homeschool study of ancient civilizations. Text is pretty thorough and they add interesting sidebars that are pretty memorable (Mesopotamians buried dead under their houses and had a tube that they sent food down to the dead! if that's not memorable what is?). Each aspect of the civilization (housing, food, clothes, work, etc) has text and then a project--projects are good quality ideas and should appeal to both boys and girls. One of the first projects was to build a floor plan of a Mesopotamian house using Legos. Later there were projects using clay and a weaving project as well as recipes for food and so on. I'm pretty experienced with craft projects and I thought these were well thought out, challenging enough while not being frustrating, and you ended up with something worthwhile. Looking forward to the Ancient Egypt section.

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Excellent activities.

I'm using this book with my kids (we homeschool) and I really love the maps (they are better than some other people maps...) and the projects are fun and interesting. My son liked SOTW because it's about leaders and wars, but now he and my daughter are enjoying this book because it's about clothes and food and how regular people lived -- which is at least as important!

A fun little book of activities for elementary-aged students. Most require little to no prep and materials (or simple ones that you likely have around the house). We are using this book with Story of the World book and History Odyssey Curriculum, and this is a very nice companion with lots of ideas to help reinforce learning. I look forward to checking out the other books in this collection!

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