

MYSTERIES OF THE PAST: THE ROYAL CUBIT

Stage 4 (Years 7/8).



Task Description

Imagine you are an archaeologist and you are working on a dig in Egypt, near one of the pyramids. You discover a new form of hieroglyphics written on a papyrus scroll. At the bottom of the scroll is a message that you believe is linked to an unsolved mystery.

Part 1: Diary Entries

Write a series of three diary entries describing the setting and location of your amazing find. Include your sketch of a map showing the exact location. Each diary entry should be only a few sentences in length.

Part 2: Personal Letter

Write a half-page letter to your best friend, back in Australia, explaining the importance of your find and your feelings about the possibility of an unsolved mystery linked to the hieroglyphics.

Part 3: Creating the Symbols

After many weeks, you have at last worked out the letter of the alphabet associated with each Egyptian symbol. Write down each symbol and the corresponding letter of the alphabet.

Use the symbols to create the message that is written at the bottom of the papyrus scroll and provide the translation you have worked out. Remember the message is linked to an ***unsolved mystery***.

Part 4: Narrative

Write a narrative that includes what you have created for Parts 1, 2 and 3.