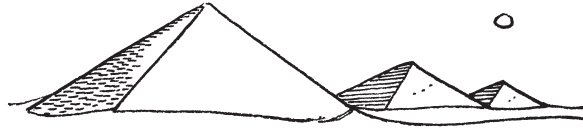


# The Old Kingdom

**DIRECTIONS** The unification of Egypt by King Narmer in about 3100 b.c. was a significant event for many reasons. Complete the statements below that tell about the importance of this event. Include ideas about unifying people, religion, and government in your responses.



▲ Before Egypt was unified under King Narmer, the region was made up of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

▲ When King Narmer unified Egypt, he formed the world's first nation-state, which is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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▲ King Narmer established the world's first dynasty, which is \_\_\_\_\_  
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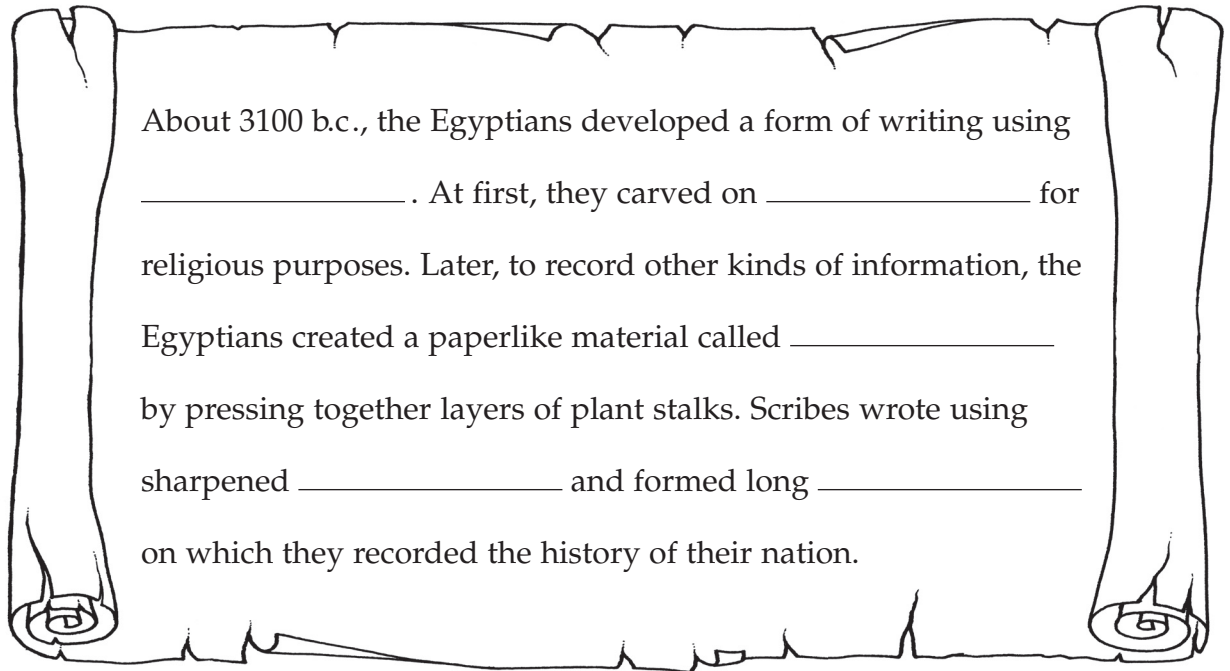
▲ Kings of the Old Kingdom were seen as living gods, which meant that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

▲ The great pyramids were an important part of Egyptian culture because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**DIRECTIONS** Complete the sentences below by using words from the box.

reeds	hieroglyphs	scrolls
stone	papyrus	



**DIRECTIONS** Answer the questions below about how ancient Egyptians prepared for the afterlife.

- 1 Why did Egyptians preserve the bodies of the dead? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What items were placed in the tomb with a royal mummy? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What is the *Book of the Dead*? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What was the importance of the ceremony in the afterlife that is called the “weighing of the heart”? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_