

ARTS MIDWEST WORLD FEST

Study Guide Egypt - Vocabulary

Africa

a continent in the eastern hemisphere, south of the Mediterranean Sea that adjoins Asia on the northeast

Arabic

a Semitic language from what is now Saudi Arabia that is now the prevailing language in a wide region of southwestern Asia and northern Africa

Hieroglyph

a stylized picture of an object representing a word, syllable, or sound, used in ancient Egyptian and other writing systems

Madrasa

a religious school, college, or university that is often part of a mosque, a place of worship for people who practice the Islamic faith

Mediterranean Sea

the sea located between Europe and Africa that connects with the Atlantic Ocean through the Strait of Gibraltar and with the Red Sea through the Suez Canal

Nile River

a river in eastern Africa that flows from Lake Victoria in Uganda into the Mediterranean Sea in Egypt. At 4135 miles (6650 kilometers) long, the Nile is the longest river in the world.

Oasis

a fertile or green area in an arid, or dry, region, such as a desert

Pharaoh

a ruler of Ancient Egypt

Pyramid

an ancient massive structure found especially in Egypt that typically has a square ground plan, outside walls in the form of four triangles that meet in a point at the top, and inner sepulchral chambers, or tombs

Red Sea

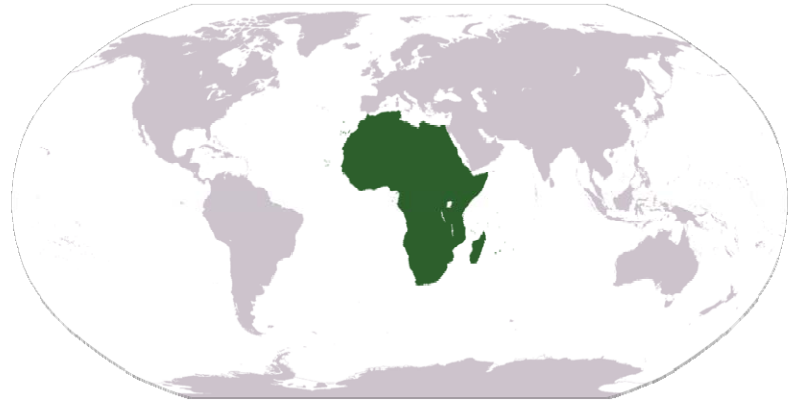
the sea located between Saudi Arabia and northeast Africa

Rosetta stone

a black basalt stone found in Egypt in 1799 that bears an inscription in hieroglyphics and demotic characters from Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece, and is celebrated for helping decipher Egyptian hieroglyphics

Sphinx

a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a human



Map of the world, highlighting Africa



An Egyptian sphinx