

**Ancient Civilizations of Africa—Egypt****Focus on Writing****Writing a Riddle**

Read about the civilizations of ancient Egypt. Then write a riddle. The answer to your riddle must be “Egypt.”

**PREWRITING**

- 1. Thinking about Geography and Early History** Write two details on the geography of Egypt and two details on its early history.
- 2. Information about the Old Kingdom** Egypt’s Old Kingdom has special characteristics. One note on each characteristic has been provided for you in the chart below. In the chart or your notebook, write a second note for each characteristic.

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Notes about the Old Kingdom</b>
Early Pharaohs	Pharaohs were rulers of Egypt.
Society	Social classes developed during the Old Kingdom.
Religion	The Egyptians worshipped many gods.
Pyramids	Pyramids were spectacular stone tombs.

- 3. Key Ideas from the Middle and New Kingdoms** Decide which ideas about the later pharaohs and daily life in Egypt you’ll include in your riddle. In the chart on the next page, write two notes about the Middle Kingdom, the New Kingdom, and work and daily life during those times.

Subject	Notes
Middle Kingdom	
New Kingdom	
Work and Daily Life	

**4. Taking Notes on Egyptian Achievements** Take notes on Egyptian achievements in writing, temples, and art.

## WRITING

**5. Writing a Riddle** Follow the steps below to write your riddle.

- Look over your information and choose five details about Egypt.
- Write a sentence about each detail. Each sentence should be a statement ending in “me.” For example, one sentence you might write would be “A river called the Nile runs through me.”
- After you write your five statements, end your riddle with the question, “Who am I?”

## EVALUATING AND PROOFREADING

**6. Evaluating Your Riddle** Did you write a good riddle? Use the questions below to evaluate and revise your riddle.

### Rubric

- Does each sentence end in “me”?
- Does each sentence tell about the civilization of ancient Egypt?
- Is the answer to your riddle “Egypt”?

**7. Proofreading Your Riddle** To perfect your riddle before sharing it, check the following:

- Capitalization and spelling of all proper names and places
- Punctuation, grammar, and spelling