Grade 3 Social Studies Unit Plan Unit 3 Topic: Case Study - Egypt

| Big Ideas | Essential Questions |
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| Culture and civilization National symbols (flag, national anthem) | How do culture, geography, and history shape a world community? |
| Legacy of traditional culture (art, architecture, music) | How are world communities the same? |
| Diverse cultural and religious groups Food, clothing, and homes | How are they different? |
| Key events and people in history Egyptian civilization | How can analyzing a variety of sources help us learn about different communities around the world? |
| Pyramids, hieroglyphs, mummification Views of the afterlife Location of Egypt | How has the geography of Egypt shaped how its communities developed? |
| Climate and air masses Agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism | How has the geography of Egypt shaped aspects of its culture? |
| Egyptian SchoolsMyths and legends | How does geography affect Egypt's economy? |
| Geographic features Lack of arable land Nile River annual flooding | How does trade in Egypt reflect and support the needs and wants of its people? |
| Nile River annual flooding Building of the Aswan Dam, Suez Canal Libyan and Sahara Deserts | How are the traditional homes of a world community a reflection of its geography and culture? |
| Growth of cities Climates and air masses - Vegetation zones Communities meet their needs and wants in a | How is the traditional food of a world community a reflection of its geography and culture? |
| variety of ways, forming the basis for their economy. | How is the clothing of a world community a reflection of its geography and culture? |
| • Each community develops an economic system that addresses three questions: what will be produced, how will it be produced, and who will | How are the different traditions of a world community a reflection of its geography and culture? |
| get what is produced?Resources (coal, gas, oil, tourism) | How have historical events shaped present-day Egypt? |
| Role of supply and demand Goods, services, exports Tourism | How has the culture of ancient Egypt shaped modern Egyptian culture? |
| Basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter Natural products such as papyrus helped to produce important technological developments. | How have key events and people shaped Egypt's history? |

| Compare and contrast hieroglyphics with modern written English. | How has ancient Egyptian art shaped modern Egyptian culture? What are human rights and how do people in Egypt advocate for human rights? How has the written language of the ancient Egyptians changed over time and how has our understanding of their language developed? What do Egyptian legends, folktales, and history tell us about Egyptian culture? What factors led to the change in Egypt's system of government over time—from pharaoh to president? |
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| Resources | Vocabulary |
| Books We're Sailing Down the Nile by Laurie Krebs and Anne Wilson Civilizations Past and Present by Kevin Supples Discover More: Ancient Egypt by Penelope Arlon Egypt by Julie Murray Scholastic Discover More: Ancient Egypt by Penelope Arlon | archaeologist agricultural artifact papyrus Rosetta Stone hieroglyphics cartouche analysis kingdom revolution monarch falafel Before Common Era (BCE) Common Era (CE) pharaoh production export import vizier constitution goods needs timeline pictograph pictography hieroglyphics |