



Mia

Art of Egypt Self-guided group activity

Grade 3

Many of these questions are designed to prompt close looking and critical thinking. Read each artwork's label to find answers to fact-based questions. Artwork not on view? Don't worry: There are plenty of others to visit!



GALLERY 250 False Door (detail), 52.22

- What are hieroglyphs? How were they used?
- What would you like to know about this artwork?
- This tomb was made for a priest named Iryenakhet (pronounced 'year-ee-en-AH-ket').
- His name is written on the door seven times. Find them all!
- What other hieroglyphs do you recognize?



GALLERY 250 *Broad Collar*, 27.42.4

- Personal items were often left inside tombs, with the belief that the dead would want them in the afterlife.
- What types of items might have been left in a tomb?
- Would you like to wear this collar? Why or why not?
- What animals do you see on the collar?
- What animal would you want to represent you?



GALLERY 250 *Headrest (detail)*, 2000.70.2

- Before reading the labels, look at all three headrests.
- Which one do you think is from Egypt? What do you see that makes you say that?
- How is it the same as the headrests from Ethiopia and Somalia? How is it different?
- What do you sleep on at night?
- This was the Egyptian version of a pillow. It helped to keep sleepers cool at night and their hair-dos looking nice. Do you think this would be comfortable? Why or why not?



GALLERY 250 *Goddess Isis*, 68.9.5

- Look closely at Isis. What does she appear to be holding?
- Compare Isis to Amenhotep in the case. In what ways are they alike and different?
- How did the artist show that Isis is in motion?



GALLERY 250 *Amenhotep*, 99.84.2

- Look closely at the sculpture. What material do you think it's made of? What do you see that makes you say that?
- Find a serpent, false beard, a wig, and a crown.
- Who would you honor in a portrait sculpture? Why?



GALLERY 250 *Cartonnage of Lady Tashat (detail), 16.414*

- Go on a scavenger hunt within Lady Tashat's mummy case. Be sure to check it out from all angles.
- Find four or more eyes. Where did you find them?
- How many birds do you see?
- Where else do you see wings?
- Where do you see hieroglyphs?
- Name four colors you see. Consider this: these colors all came from natural materials.
- Which gods do you recognize? Here are a few clues: Osiris, god of the underworld, has green skin and a large crown. Anubis has the head of a jackal. Horus, the sun god, looks like a falcon.