



The History of the Pyramids

Name: _____ Date: _____

Part 1: Timeline Activity (6 points)

Fill in the timeline below with the approximate dates and names of the pyramids discussed.

1. _____ built during the Third Dynasty
2. _____ constructed under Sneferu
3. _____ completed as first true pyramid
4. _____ Great Pyramid of Khufu built at _____
5. _____ Middle Kingdom pyramids use mudbrick and become smaller
6. _____ Pharaohs begin building tombs in _____

Part 2: Vocabulary Matching (5 points)

Match each term with its correct definition. Write the letter next to the term.

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| 1. Mastaba | A. A royal burial area in later Egyptian history, hidden in cliffs. |
| 2. Imhotep | B. An early pyramid with a change in angle partway up. |
| 3. Mortuary Complex | C. A flat-roofed, rectangular tomb structure. |
| 4. Bent Pyramid | D. An ancient Egyptian architect who designed the Step Pyramid. |
| 5. Valley of the Kings | E. The full pyramid structure including temples and causeways. |

Part 3: Short Answer Reflection (4 points)

Why do you think the Egyptians stopped building giant pyramids and began using hidden tombs instead?
