



# History of the Pyramids – Answer Key

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## Part 1: Timeline Activity – Sample Answers

1. 2670 BCE – Step Pyramid of Djoser built during the Third Dynasty
2. 2600 BCE – Bent Pyramid constructed under Sneferu
3. 2590 BCE – Red Pyramid completed as first true pyramid
4. 2550 BCE – Great Pyramid of Khufu built at Giza
5. ~2055 BCE – Middle Kingdom pyramids use mudbrick and become smaller
6. ~1539 BCE – Pharaohs begin building tombs in Valley of the Kings

## Part 2: Vocabulary Matching

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

## Part 3: Short Answer Reflection – Sample Response

The Egyptians stopped building giant pyramids because they were expensive, time-consuming, and attracted tomb robbers. Hidden tombs in the Valley of the Kings were easier to protect and less obvious to thieves, offering better security for royal burials.