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## INTRODUCTION

The *Brain Teasers* series provides fun ways to exercise and develop brain power! Each page stands alone and can be used as a quick and easy filler activity. The pages can be distributed to students as individual worksheets or made into transparencies for presentation to the entire class at once. The activities are especially useful in helping students develop:

- Logic and other critical thinking skills.
- Creative thinking skills.
- Research skills.
- Spelling skills.

- General vocabulary skills.
- General knowledge skills.
- Spatial skills.
- This world history activity book pays particular attention to the ancient civilizations that shaped our young world. Use the activities with your social studies curriculum to introduce and reinforce learning—or just for fun! Every effort was made to ensure this book presents the most accurate and current data available.



Match the pictures with their descriptions.

1. A symbol for everlasting life, often worn as an A. Β. amulet on the wrist or ankle. 2. The symbol for the royalty that ruled a particular region in Egypt, often worn on the headdress of the pharaoh. 3. The symbol for the union of upper and lower C. D. Egypt into one land, first used by King Menes. 4. These symbolic figures, called shabtis, represent the workers in the afterlife that would till the soil in the Field of Reeds for the dead pharaoh. 5. The symbol for protection and mysticism, said Ε. to come from Horus. 6. The symbols for leadership and royalty, seen in the hands of Osiris and often pictured in the hands of the pharaohs. 7. This symbol represented King Akhenaten's G. H. belief in one god called Aten. 8. A symbol of the pharaoh, Queen Hatshepsut also wore one. 9. A symbol believed to have magical powers for healing and mysticism today. 10. The symbol for judgment, used to determine J. Ι. whether or not a soul is noble and pure enough to enter an afterlife in the Field of Reeds. Today the symbol represents justice. 11. The sacred symbol for Amon-Re, the sun god, who carried his daily ball of fire across the sky. It was often used as an amulet or a personal seal and represented everlasting life. 12. The symbol for a particular region in Egypt and a great dynasty, often seen drawn on the chest of a mummy.



People in Ancient Rome did strange things to enhance their appearances. Some social rules were equally bizarre. Write the correct word in each blank.

- 1. To soften \_\_\_\_\_, apply a cream of wheat flour and donkey milk, or use crushed snails.
- 2. For \_\_\_\_\_\_ skin, apply lead paste or powdered chalk.
- 3. To define \_\_\_\_\_\_, use a needle to apply crushed ant's eggs or ashes.
- 4. Curl \_\_\_\_\_\_ with heated tongs, apply oil with earthworm ashes to keep it from turning gray.
- 5. To dye hair \_\_\_\_\_, use lentils, wine, and cypress leaves boiled with leeks.
- 6. To make hair \_\_\_\_\_\_ faster, use bear fat or the ashes from hippopotamus skin.
- 7. To get rid of \_\_\_\_\_\_ hair, use tweezers or bat's blood and hedgehog ashes.
- 8. If you are a \_\_\_\_\_\_ of 16, wear a toga virilis.
- 9. A galeri is a fashionable \_\_\_\_\_ worn by women.
- 10. Senators display a crescent on the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of their boots.
- 11. Use the triclinium, or \_\_\_\_\_ room, for parties.
- 12. Guests bring their own \_\_\_\_\_\_ to use when dining and to carry home food \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 13. Slaves cater to every guest, even by \_\_\_\_\_\_ meat into bite-sized pieces.
- 14. Between courses everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be ready to enjoy the next foods served.

boy	eyebrows	cutting	hairpiece
pale	napkins	toe	hair
black	vomits	dining	leftovers
grow	skin	arm	

