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# Ancient Egypt: Start Exploring (Working For Myself)



## Synopsis

Help your child unlock the mystery of the ancient Egyptian culture. This treasure trove includes a museum-quality replica stone necklace, papyrus, hieroglyphic stamps, an Egyptian board game, and other artifacts that will teach young explorers about the rituals and customs of this intriguing and influential society. In addition, Ancient Egypt could also introduce your child to an exciting career. As the Los Angeles Times suggests, this kit is just the thing when your child wishes to investigate archaeology..

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this treasure chest as a "treat" (for my daughter or myself, I am still not sure) to finish off our study of ancient Egypt. We couldn't wait, so we opened it right away and were thrilled. I expected most of the activities to be too hard for my 6yo, but she has enjoyed them thoroughly. The lock can be a bit hard for small fingers to open, but the key is easy to work and that can be fun enough in itself. There are 2 board games, both of which she could play. One is very, very simple (think Chutes and Ladders) while the other requires more strategy. Depending on your child's interests/abilities in games you might find that you only play one of the two, but we have been happy playing both. The playing pieces are made rather flimsy light cardboard, but they are functional enough if your child is careful. The stamping set is about average, and suffers from all the little problems child's stamping kits are heir to, but overall produces legible hieroglyphs. You'll need an

extra pair of hands or weights to hold the papyrus unrolled, but it looks great when you're finished. The hieroglyph "decoder" wheel has been great fun for my daughter who thinks codes are exciting. The necklace was a little disappointing, only because the string provided came apart when I tried to disentangle it. We replaced it with our own string/wire and made our lovely necklace just fine. The beads had holes large enough for my child to thread them herself, although a needle proved helpful. The posters (one of deities reverses to one of regents and another one with a map) are attractive and informative without being overwhelming and my daughter enjoyed placing the appropriate stickers on the spaces provided on the map. The only piece of this chest we have not used yet is the grid for reproducing an Egyptian picture, but I'm sure many other children are more artistically inclined than mine and will find it fun. Overall, my daughter and I have enjoyed this kit immensely and highly recommend it.

THE highest point of our family's Great Egyptian Semester. It's a sturdy cardboard "chest" that opens up to reveal lots of fun, hands-on stuff to read, play with and make. Items include a hieroglyphic stamp set and holder, papyrus to print on, hieroglyphic code wheel, a Senet game, charts and more. We bought the Treasure Chest to be a fun part of our family's Great Egyptian Semester, and it proved to be a winner. In fact, demand in our house was so high, we had to regulate the time any one kid could spend with it (Dad played with it at night).

I got this a long time ago when I was first interested in Egypt. Years later I still have it and treasure it. Of course, I have lost a few items in it, unfortunately, like the hieroglyphic encoder, which I LOVED, and the hieroglyphic stamps. Otherwise I have managed to keep the rest together and in very good condition. I would like to purchase another one, though, so I can get the rest of the items back. I highly suggest this to anyone of any age who is interested in Egypt. It says ages 9-12, but don't pay attention to that. It's just as fun for an adult to treasure. A pleasure in the study of Egypt.

First of all, I LOVE ancient Egypt. I saw the kit, and wanted it so bad, it really wasn't funny. Anyway, I first saw this kit at the DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts) gift shop over three years ago. It was love at first sight. Then finally two days ago when I went with my dad, I had money, nobody was with us so we could buy stuff without people wanting to get something, so I went up to it, took it off the shelf and hugged it so hard that it wasn't funny. My dad saw me, ripped it out of my hands, put it on the shelf and taunted me about it all the way home. I was bummed. Afterwards I told my mom. She bought it for me the next day! I've had so much fun with it! I love it! It's got to be hard to stuff all of that FUN

stuff into one small kit! There's hieroglyphic stamps, a decoder wheel, stuff to make a shibati necklace, a senet game, a book, and tons more! If you're a dad, or mom, and your kid wants this, don't taunt them, there's nothing to taunt. If they have money, let them buy it. If they don't, buy for them for their birthday, or Christmas, or just for a special "What the heck, you can have it" gift!

My daughter bought this kit for her 11 yo best friend whose family is of Egyptian decent. It is filled with many goodies- a book, a game, stamps of Egyptian Hieroglyphs, a scroll....many others I can't even recall. It is one of a series of historical treasure chests, including chests featuring Ancient Rome and Greece. I look forward to purchasing each of the treasure chests for my family this holiday season...a toy that actually makes history fun! A great product!

I ordered this kit during our study of ancient civilizations. What better place to begin than Egypt. I thought my boys (ages 6 & 7) would enjoy the games and making their own hieroglyphics. The package was very interesting looking and peaked their curiosity immediately. However, the beads to the necklace were next to impossible to string. The stamps were also very small and did not stay in the place when trying to make the hieroglyphic messages. The book and sample papyrus were great. In fact, my 6 year old took both to our homeschool co-op for show and tell. All in all, not bad, but a little pricey for what you get.

I gave this to my 10 year old nephew for Christmas and he absolutely loved it! He liked all the activities in it. The only negative is that the lock on the box sticks and is almost impossible to open even with the key.

This product is a good introduction to ancient Egypt. It includes some papyrus, hieroglyphic stamps and ink pad, beads for a necklace, a booklet about Egypt, two games, and instructions and grid so that kids can make a painting just like ancient Egyptians made in pyramids. Some pieces are very small, so this is not for younger kids.

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