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Directions: Examine the exhibits around the room and answer the questions below.

Egyptian Gods

1. For the most part, were Egyptians monotheistic or polytheistic?
2. Who was the main god in Egypt? Was it always the same or did it change? Explain.
3. Why was the god Osiris important to Egyptians? What was his role?
4. How did Akhenaten change Egyptian religion? Explain his beliefs.

Egyptian Beliefs

1. During the Old Kingdom, how were Pharaohs seen as different from other people in the afterlife?
2. How and why were the pyramids built?
3. How did beliefs about the afterlife change during the New Kingdom? Give a few examples.
4. Examine the image from the Book of the Dead. Who is sitting to the far right? How do you know?

Egyptian Writing

1. Why did Ancient Egyptians have three different systems of writing?
2. How did the Rosetta Stone allow us to understand Hieroglyphics today?
3. Examine the Rosetta stone. From top to bottom, what are the three languages written on it?
4. Examine the example of demotic script. What material is it written on? How do you know?

Defending Egypt

1. During the Old Kingdom, what did Egyptians believe kept them safe?
2. How did the Middle Kingdom try to strengthen Egypt?
3. After the invasion of the Hyksos, what was the new strategy for defending Egypt?
4. Examine the image of the Pharaoh Ahmose driving out the Hyksos. What technology, borrowed from the Hyksos themselves, is he using to fight them?
5. Examine the map. What new territories did Egypt conquer as part of their empire?