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### Unit Plan Overview for Traveling Interdisciplinary Literacy Trunk

Title of Unit: **Ancient Egypt** Grade Level: **6**

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South Carolina Academic Standards for two or more content areas:

Language Arts (CCSS)	Math (CCSS)	Science	Social Studies
6.RL.9 6.SL.2 6.W.3	6.G4 6.SP.2 6.SP.3	6- 1.1 6- 2.3, 2.7 6- 5.7, 5.8	6- 1.3, 1.4, 1.5

<b>Summary of activities</b>	The students will research the climate of ancient Egypt, look for simple machines in ancient Egyptian inventions, and research the structures, processes, and classification of the papyrus plant. They will design an Egyptian temple using line and rotational symmetry, and will construct a pyramid and measure its sides, angles, and surface area. They will read a novel and write a narrative from King Tut's point of view, create an illustrated alphabet of Egyptian hieroglyphics, and design an Egyptian death mask.
<b>Class Novel (30 copies)</b>	The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
<b>Text Set</b>	Mummies Made in Egypt Everyday Life in the Ancient World The Egyptian Cinderella The Time Warp Trio: Tut Tut Magic Tree House Research Guide: Mummies And Pyramids Tut's Mummy Lost and Found You Wouldn't Want to Be a Pyramid Builder Mummies Unwrapped You Wouldn't Want to Be Cleopatra You Wouldn't Want to Be Tutankhamen Eyewitness: Ancient Egypt Eyewitness: Mummy Hieroglyphs From A to Z Mummies of the Pharaohs So You Want to be an Ancient Egyptian Princess Who Built the Pyramids History Detectives: Great Civilizations

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	Step Into The World of Ancient Egypt Mystery of the Ancient Pyramid Amaze Adventure: Secrets of the Pyramids
<b>Essential Questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why did ancient civilizations develop along the banks of the Nile River?</li> <li>2. How did the ancient Egyptians build the pyramids?</li> </ol>

<b>Vocabulary</b>	Surface area Line symmetry Rotational symmetry Hieroglyphics Slave Overseer Ruling class Mesopotamia Drought Rainfall Flooding Trade system	Barter Community Culture Diversity Demand Polytheism Society Scribe Ziggurat Artisans Relief map Region	City-state Plateau Irrigation Plain Fertile Fertile Crescent Pyramids Simple machines Friction Lever Fulcrum Load	Effort Pulley Kinetic energy Radiation Conduction Heat transfer Dependent variable Independent variable Germination Papyrus
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<b>Materials</b>	Rulers	Spring scales (6)	Pulley	Wedge
	Cubes	Wheel and Axle	Lever	Screw
	Modeling clay	Inclined plane		

<b>Pre-Writing and Writing Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep a double-entry journal while reading the class novel. Use Think-Pair-Share to discuss responses.</li> <li>2. Compare your life today with the life of an Egyptian teen in ancient times.</li> <li>3. Imagine that you are a slave, an overseer, or a member of the ruling class. Describe your daily life and the Egyptian class system through a series of Quick-Writes. Then write a narrative essay from the character's point of view.</li> <li>4. Create a budget as a trade agent during this era.</li> <li>5. Imagine that you are a laborer living along the Nile River. Create a dialogue describing your work. What rituals are part of your everyday life and why?</li> <li>6. Design a travel brochure designed to attract visitors to ancient Egypt.</li> <li>7. Write an obituary for King Tut.</li> <li>8. Draw an Egyptian comic strip using hieroglyphics and Egyptian art.</li> </ol>
<b>Accommodations/ Differentiating Instruction</b>	Multisensory activities address visual, auditory, and kinesthetic modalities. Students have choices and opportunities to work collaboratively on several projects. Students with artistic and spatial capabilities will have opportunities to excel. Open-ended assignments provide flexibility. A variety of leveled books are provided.

**Attached: Daily Lesson Plans**