Canopic Jar

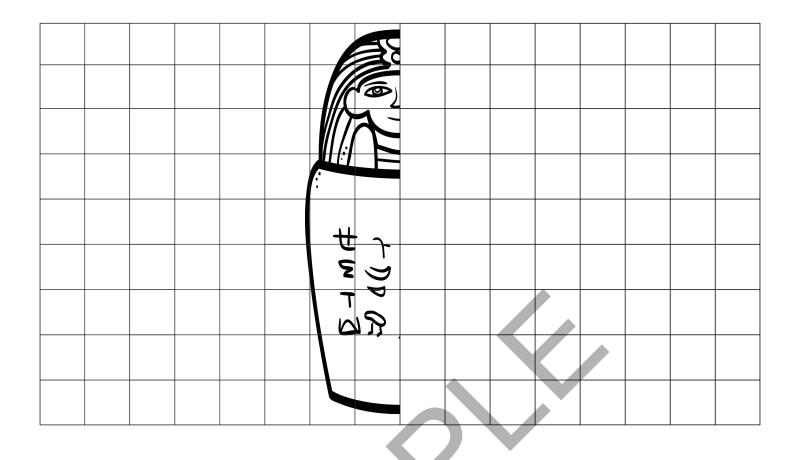
Canopic jars got their name from archeological findings in the remains of an ancient city named Canopus. It sat along the western side of the Nile River. In the ancient Egyptian funeral ceremony, a canopic jar was used to hold the embalmed internal organs of the person who had died. These organs were removed from the body and placed in canopic jars when the body was mummified.

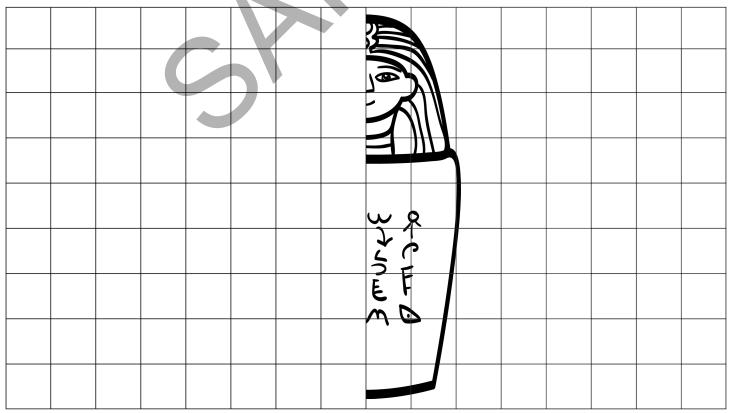
Canopic jars were made of wood, stone, or pottery. Early canopic jars had plain lids, but about 1938 BC, Egyptians started decorating the lids with human faces or the faces of ancient Egyptian deities. Often the heads of the sons of the ancient Egyptian deity Horus were used on the lids. Each son of this ancient deity was believed to protect a certain internal organ— one the intestine, one the liver, one the lungs, and one the stomach. After a time, funeral ceremonies changed, and the internal organs were returned to the body. From that point, Egyptians used canopic jars with images of Egyptian deities but without space to hold anything inside.

Follow these instructions to draw a canopic jar on the next page like the one shown below:

- Decide if you want to draw the right half of the picture or the left half of the picture and draw it in one of the first two grids. You can draw both if you'd like.
- Now, using a blank grid from the back of the book, try drawing the whole picture.

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Identify the Ancient Egyptian Image

1. Which picture shows hieroglyphics? Circle it.





2. Which picture shows a pharaoh? Circle it.



3. Which picture shows an obelisk? Circle it.



4. Which picture shows a scribe? Circle it.





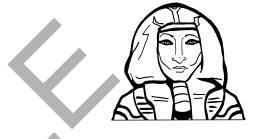
5. Which picture shows a mummy? Circle it.













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