

Paper Pyramid and Temple

Pyramids are one of the most iconic symbols of ancient Egypt, but did you know that there are also pyramids in ancient Kush, Egypt's southern neighbor? One difference between the Egyptian and Kushite pyramids was that the pyramids of Kush had much steeper sides.

Kelsey archaeologists have spent years excavating at the site of El-Kurru, Sudan, where several kings and queens of ancient Kush are buried. In addition to pyramids and an underground funerary temple, the archaeologists also found hundreds of remarkable ancient graffiti carved into the walls of the ancient monuments. They believe these graffiti were made by pilgrims who visited the site and wanted to leave mementos of their journey. The many drawings of boats, animals, sandals, and what look like textiles seem to say, "These are the things we saw on our travels to this place."

If you took a journey and wanted to tell people about it using pictures, what would you draw?

- Download and print a copy of the paper pyramid and temple. We recommend using cardstock if you have it.
- Tell a story by drawing graffiti on the walls of the pyramid and the columns and walls inside the temple.
- Follow the instructions to cut, fold, and secure the paper pyramid and temple.







