

For Teachers:

The Pharaoh's Secret

Literature Response Discussion Questions:

How was Hatshepsut's Mortuary Temple different from other pharaoh's?

How did Senenmut secretly signal his special relationship with Hatshepsut?

Hieroglyphics are a kind of picture language. Some images stand for letters, others stand for things, like mountain, water, or crocodile. How would you spell your name in hieroglyphics?

Who was Neferure and how was she related to Hatshepsut? What was her relationship with Senenmut?

Why did Thutmose III try to erase Hatshepsut's images? What did that kind of erasure mean to an ancient Egyptian?

Was Thutmose II of royal blood? How did he gain the right to sit on the Egyptian throne?

How did Hatshepsut gain the right to sit on the throne? How did she show herself as a pharaoh in the art on her Mortuary Temple?

Hatshepsut is particularly known for opening up trade with which country? Where do you see this trade expedition depicted?

Why does Talibah feel connected to Hatshepsut?

What does Talibah hope to find when she first comes to Egypt?

What does she end up finding?

How would you describe the relationship between Talibah and Adom?

Talibah is curious and determined, but Adom also has strengths. What are they?

Why is Rashid angry with Talibah? Why does he criticize Senenmut?

If you could time travel back to Ancient Egypt, what would you want to see?