



## GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 3-1

### The First Israelites

**Directions: Outlining** Reading the section and completing the outline below will help you learn more about the early Israelites. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

- I. A people called Israelites built a kingdom in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. The Israelites believed in \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  - B. A long drought began in Canaan, so the Israelites had to move to \_\_\_\_\_ to survive.
- II. The Egyptian pharaoh needed people to build his \_\_\_\_\_, so he enslaved the Israelites.
  - A. According to the Bible, God sent 10 \_\_\_\_\_ to Egypt to convince the Pharaoh to set the Israelites free.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_, an Israelite who had escaped death and slavery, believed God had told him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.
    1. After many Egyptians \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of the plagues, the Pharaoh finally decided to release the Israelites.
    2. As the Israelites were leaving Egypt, the Pharaoh sent his army after them. According to the Bible, God parted the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Israelites crossed unharmed while the Egyptian soldiers were drowned.
- III. The Israelites left Egypt and traveled back to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Moses climbed to the top of Mt. Sinai where God gave him laws known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Part of the Torah is the \_\_\_\_\_, which helped shape the moral laws of many nations.
- IV. It took the Israelites about \_\_\_\_\_ years to reach Canaan, but Moses died before they reached their homeland.
  - A. Their new leader, \_\_\_\_\_, led them into a victorious battle against the Canaanites, the people they found living in their homeland.
  - B. After Joshua died, the Israelites did not have one leader, but looked to military leaders called \_\_\_\_\_ instead.

**ABC**  
**dE** **VOCABULARY ACTIVITY 3-1**

**The First Israelites: Words to Know**

**Directions:** Select one of the following terms or names to complete each of the sentences below.

Abraham	alphabet	covenant	Deborah
monotheism	Moses	tribes	

- The Israelites believed they were descended from a man named \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Phoenicians developed a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that made writing simpler.
- \_\_\_\_\_ believed that God told him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.
- Jacob's family was divided into 12 \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was a judge who told Barak to attack the Canaanite army.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the belief in one God.
- The Torah described a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, or agreement, with God.

 **Building Academic Vocabulary**

*occupy, verb, transitive*

**Directions:** Use a dictionary or Internet resources to help you answer the following questions.

- Lebanon, Israel, and Jordan **occupy** the land that was once Canaan.  
 A. take care of      B. finish      C. keep busy with      D. claim

In the following sentence, the word *occupied* has a different meaning. Circle the letter of the meaning closest to the word *occupied* in this sentence.

- The students will be **occupied** with homework until class is over.  
 A. observed      B. finished      C. tested      D. busy

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