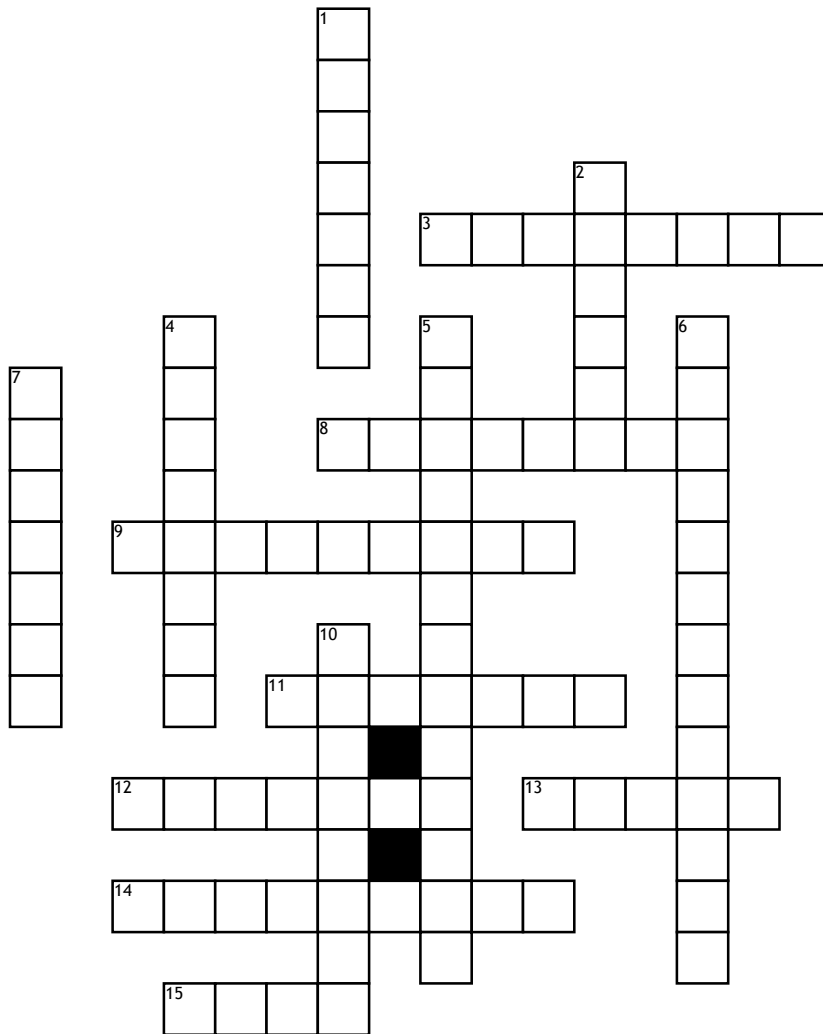


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## Across

3. decode  
8. picture that symbolizes an idea or action  
9. wedge-shaped writing of the ancient Sumerians  
11. plant that grows along the banks of the Nile; paperlike material  
12. title of the rulers of ancient Egypt

13. a triangular area of marshland formed by deposits of silt at the mouth of some rivers  
14. system of ranking people within a society  
15. a layer of rich soil

## Down

1. ruling family  
2. chief minister who supervised the business of government in ancient Egypt

4. pyramid-temple dedicated to the chief god or goddess of an ancient Sumerian city-state  
5. form of picture writing developed by the ancient Egyptians  
6. practice of preserving the bodies of the dead  
7. system of ancient Egyptian writing, simpler than hieroglyphics, that was developed for everyday use  
10. a waterfall

## Word Bank

silt	vizier	papyrus	mummification	hierarchy
decipher	ideogram	dynasty	hieroglyphics	ziggurat
cuneiform	delta	demotic	pharaoh	cataract