

# Reading Worksheet for Sections 2.1 and 2.2

History of Mathematics

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1. For every Geographic reference in the reading, annotate the world map with which you've been provided. Write the list of places here.
2. Find a vocabulary word with which you were unfamiliar in the text, and give its definition.
3. What role did the Rosetta stone play in our story of Egyptian mathematics?
4. How did it come to be in the British Museum?

5. What is route to discovery and the primary mathematical importance of

- The Rhind Papyrus

- The Golenishev Papyrus

6. What was the general strategy (and perhaps major stumbling block) of Egyptian fractions?

7. What role does non-uniqueness of representation play in Egyptian fractions?