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What is a riddle? Simply put, riddles are something challenging to understand. Sometimes they

are a question with a surprising answer. Riddles make you think. And when you find the answer to the riddle, you just might feel a little smarter, or start laughing!

World's Oldest Riddle

Riddles have been entertaining and challenging people for at least 4,000 years! The oldest riddle that was written down is from Ancient Sumeria, where Iraq is today. It was written about 1900 B.C.

Ancient Sumeria is also the civilization with the oldest surviving writing system that we know of!

Here's the world's oldest riddle. Can you figure out the answer?

"There is a house. One enters it blind and comes out seeing. What is it?"

ANSWER: A schoolhouse! Clever, right? And a reminder of the importance of school!

The Riddle of the Sphinx

Throughout history, heroes in tales must solve riddles to save others or travel to certain places. In one Greek myth, the hero must solve the riddle posed by

the Sphinx guarding the city of Thebes.

The Sphinx was a mythical or else! creature with the body of a lion, the head of a human and the wings of an eagle. And as the guardian of Thebes, it **ate** the people who could not answer this tricky riddle!

Can YOU answer it?

"What animal walks on four legs in the morning, two legs at noon, and three legs at night?"

Think about it. Then, circle every other letter to reveal the answer.

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How can this be? Hold this page up to a mirror for the explanation.

When we are babies we crawl on all fours, as an adult we walk on two legs, in old age we need a third leg (a walking stick).

Riddle Poetry

that start with each letter in the word, a little poem using words that describe each of the letters in

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Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand that poetry has multiple forms

Look through the newspaper for words RIDDLE. Cut out the words and then make riddles and start with RIDDLE.

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King Odin's Riddles

din is the Norse god of wisdom, poetry, death, and magic. Odin is also the king of the mythological land of Asgard. (You may remember from comic books or movies that his sons were Thor and Loki.)

In ancient Viking myths, riddles are used to test intelligence and wisdom. A Norse myth about three mythological characters, King Odin, King Heidrek and Gestumblindi is a tale full of riddles.

To save Gestumblindi's life, Odin asks King Heidrek 35 riddles. To do this, Odin poses as Gestumblindi. King Heidrek gets them all correct.

But he also figures out that it is Odin and not Gestumblindi asking the riddles. King Heidrek becomes furious and tries to kill Odin. Odin magically turns into a hawk and flies away.



No, the OTHER Sphinx!

Sphinxes appear in the art and legends

of both ancient Greece and ancient

Egypt. Ancient Egyptians made many

large statues of sphinxes. The largest

and most famous Egyptian sphinx was

carved near the the pyramids of Giza in

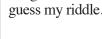
about 2500 B.C. Do the math to see

how big it is.

99 + 99 + 42

Use King Odin's Secret Code to solve the riddles.





King Heidrek,

Odin's Riddle #1

first they champ,

then they stamp,

King Heidrek,

guess my riddle.

then they stand still.

Odin's Riddle #2

Who is that great one

who grasps the earth,

wind, but no man,

Bad weather he dreads,

swallowing wood and water?

and picks a fight with the sun.

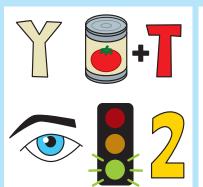
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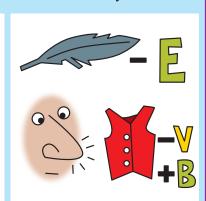
A rebus is a word or a phrase spelled out in pictures and letters.

One of the most famous is:



Can you figure out what these rebuses say?





MYTHICAL REMINDER **ANCIENT RIDDLE**

OLDEST ANSWER SPHINX HEROES SOLVE TALES REBUS WALKS BEING HUMAN

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Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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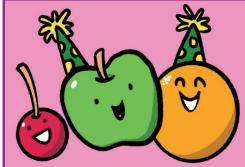
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Make a Rebus!

Cut pictures out of the newspaper and arrange them to create a word or a short message, such as "I love you" or "Do you see me?" Can a family member figure it out?

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Understand that art can convey



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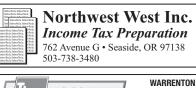
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