

Grade 5 – The Missing Queen

- 1- On page 2, read the poem *Queen Nefertiti*. Then read *The Real Queen Nefertiti* on pages 3 and 4.
- 2- What do you think happened to Queen Nefertiti? Write your theory in 1 or 2 sentences.
- 3- Make a missing person's flyer for Queen Nefertiti. Look at the instructions on page 5. Send me a picture of your final copy at melanie.custeau2@csmb.qc.ca .

Queen Nefertiti

Spin a coin, spin a coin,
All fall down,
Queen Nefertiti
Stalks through the town.

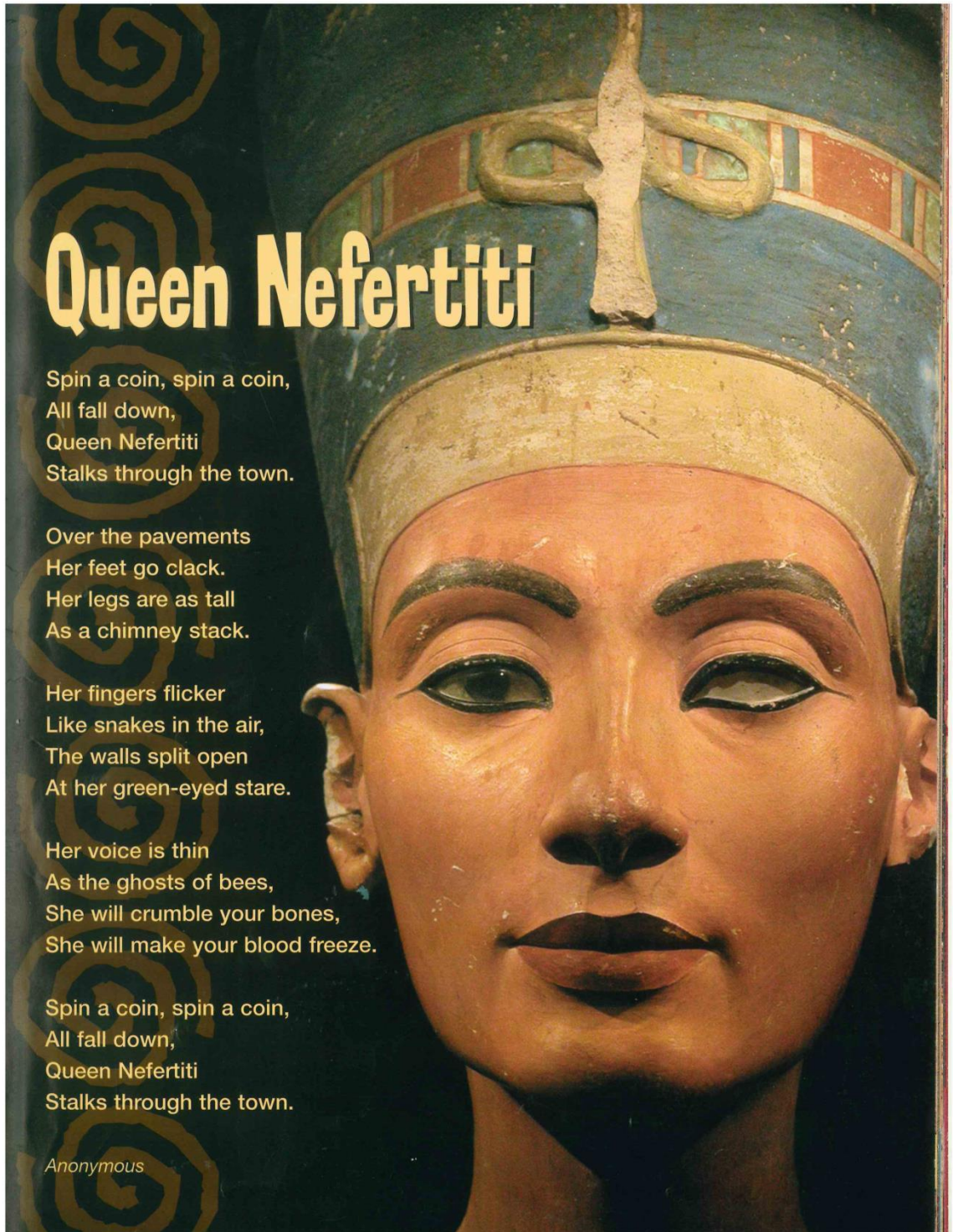
Over the pavements
Her feet go clack.
Her legs are as tall
As a chimney stack.

Her fingers flicker
Like snakes in the air,
The walls split open
At her green-eyed stare.

Her voice is thin
As the ghosts of bees,
She will crumble your bones,
She will make your blood freeze.

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All fall down,
Queen Nefertiti
Stalks through the town.

Anonymous



How would you describe Queen Nefertiti from the pictures you see on these pages?

The Real Queen Nefertiti

The real Queen Nefertiti was a beautiful woman, as you can tell from the pictures on these pages. In fact, her name means “the beautiful woman has come.” Her statue was carved around 1345 BCE and is one of the most famous in the world.

CHECKPOINT

Notice Nefertiti's crown. She shaved her head so that it would fit snugly.

Queen Nefertiti was the wife of Pharaoh Akhenaton. She married him when she was only 12 years old. They had six daughters. When she was still very young, Nefertiti became the stepmother of King Tut.

Akhenaton and Nefertiti made an important royal decision while in power. All temples were to be destroyed. New temples, to honour the sun god, Ra, were built. Egyptians were forbidden to worship all gods but Ra. The priests became very angry with Akhenaton and Nefertiti.



This is the sun god Ra.

This painting shows Pharaoh Akhenaten worshipping Ra.

The Missing Queen

Little is known about what happened to Queen Nefertiti. Did she die in childbirth? Was she killed by angry priests? Some scientists think she became the ruler of Egypt for a short time after King Tut died. Perhaps she made enemies and was sent far from the palace. We don't know. She's the missing queen. Even Nefertiti's mummy can't be found!

wrap up

1. With two or three partners, chant the poem *Queen Nefertiti* on page 23. Try saying it different ways: whisper it, say it like a rap, say it slowly, say it fast. Tape your readings after some practice time. Play it for your group.
2. Create a missing person's flyer for Queen Nefertiti. Include a point-form description of her.

The Missing Queen - Flyer

Create a missing person's flyer for Queen Nefertiti.
Have a short introduction to explain you are looking for her.

Then include:

- a physical description (minimum 5 things)
- where she was last seen (you can invent)
- when she was last seen (something recent like last night, yesterday, two days ago, etc.)
- contact information (not a phone number because it is ancient worlds, but a place they can come see you if they find her)
- a reward (something you could get in ancient times, like gold coins)
- a picture (on the final copy only)

Write complete sentences.

Write a first draft then do the following checklist:

- 1- I spelled words correctly. ☐
- 2- I used capitals at the beginning of each sentence. ☐
- 3- I used punctuation at the end of each sentence. ☐
- 4- I said 5 things about the queen's physical description. ☐
- 5- I said where and when she was last seen. ☐
- 6- I mentioned how to contact me. ☐
- 7- There is a reward. ☐

Write your final copy on a white sheet of paper and draw a picture.