

Activity 4. Egyptian Workers Put Down Their Tools

Instructions: The first recorded labor strike in human history occurred in 1152 BC. It is believed that skilled workers at the Egyptian Royal Necropolis at Deir el-Medina refused to work until they were paid fair wages. The events are mentioned in surviving papyrus documents. Examine the information on the website http://egyptian-history.suite101.com/article.cfm/egyptian_artisans_strike (accessed May 29, 2010) and write a 500-word newspaper-style account about the events.