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C Why is the stone so important? _____

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ANSWER KEY

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The Roman aqueduct at Caesarea, Israel

3 What is unique about Sumerian clay "nails" that were used in places like Uruk?

The heads of the nails were sometimes colored and used to form geometric patterns.

4 Who was frequently depicted on Roman coins?

Roman rulers

5 How many languages are on the Rosetta Stone? Two

A Which languages are they? Ancient Egyptian Greek

B Which three scripts are found on the stone? Hieroglyphic demotic ancient Greek

C Why is the stone so important? It provided the key for the deciphering of Ancient Egyptian writing.

6 What culture began the trend of making naturalistic portraits?

Early Roman

7 Many artifacts in the "Community" section of this exhibit tell us what certain groups of ancient people did for fun. What are some of the activities you see here?

Playing instruments (lyre, lute, harp, flute), playing board games (senet), playing dice games, chariot races

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Baking, making pottery, tanning leather, farming/harvesting, trade, construction, playing music, herding animals, playing board games, etc.