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**Sixth Grade**

**Beginning of the Year**

**Writing Assessment**

**Directions:**

* **Read the article “Howard Carter,” found on pages 3 and 4 of the handout.**
* **How would you describe Howard Carter?  Write an essay that describes one or more character traits of Howard Carter.**
* **In your essay, write an inference that describes one or more character traits of Howard Carter.**
* **Include evidence from the text to support your inferences.**

* **Write as much as you can, as quickly as you can. You may use several sheets of loose-leaf paper. DO NOT STAPLE YOUR PAGES, please.**
* **In your writing, make sure you:**
* **Write your inferences in your introduction listing the character traits of Howard Carter.**
* **Give at least three examples from the text as your evidence to support your inferences.**
* **Write a conclusion.**
* **Check your writing for:** 
  + **spelling**
  + **capitalization of proper nouns**
  + **capitalization of the beginning of sentences**
  + **punctuation**
  + **indentation of each new paragraph**
  + **interesting word choice**