

Name: _____ Number: _____

**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