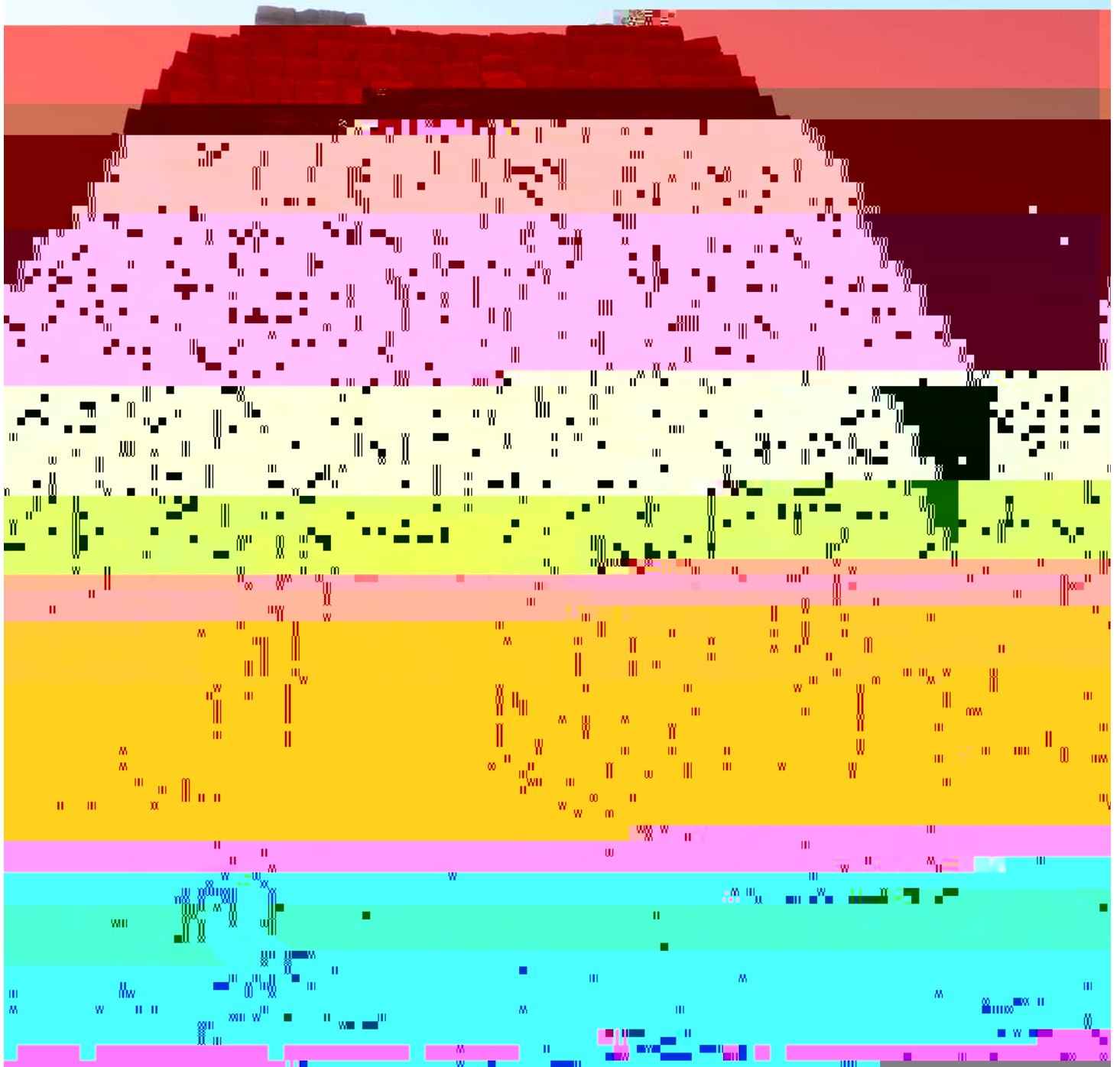




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things about Khartoum American
community. KAS consists of people from all over the world, with different races, and religions, all living harmoniously together. Our school has more than thirty-eight different nationalities, but we always place special emphasis on our host nation Sudan.

A good example of this was last week Grade 7 and 11 students went camping on a field trip to the Pyramids of Meroe. Not only did they visit the pyramids but for the first time they also visited Elmosawarat and El-Naga'a Temples. Meroe is a town in Northern State, Sudan, near Karima Town, about 330 kilometers north of Khartoum. It is the site of the Meroe Dam project.

There are more than 20 pyramids in Meroe. The Nubian pyramids have no mortuary inside, and the real tomb is dug in the rock below. It is linked to the outside by an inclined tunnel, with the walls decorated by bas-reliefs showing the King's life and the gods. Unfortunately most of the tombs were destroyed by an Italian explorer, Giuseppe Ferlini, who was looking for treasure in the 1820s.

The Naga'a Temples are located 130 kilometers north of Khartoum and 30 kilometers east of the River Nile. The 1st century A.D. Apedemak temple has bas relief decorations with the image of God with a lion head, of the Pharaoh and of the nobles and several ritual images of the Apedemak God.

The Musawwarat site is about 10 kilometers from Naga'a and is similarly dedicated to the Apedemak God who is usually represented by a lion's head on a chap with armour. One temple at Musawwarat was restored by the Germans around 1969.

Our students came back from the trip full of exciting stories, telling everyone about the spectacular experience they had. They learned about the rich history of Sudan. They also enjoyed the outdoor activities like camping out by the sand dunes, watched the sunset and sunrise, took camel rides, had a bonfire under the starry skies and toasted marshmallows.

Grade 7 had a scavenger hunt and the music lovers brought their drums along, danced around the bonfire and played games, all unplugged. This was a laptop free trip. An
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