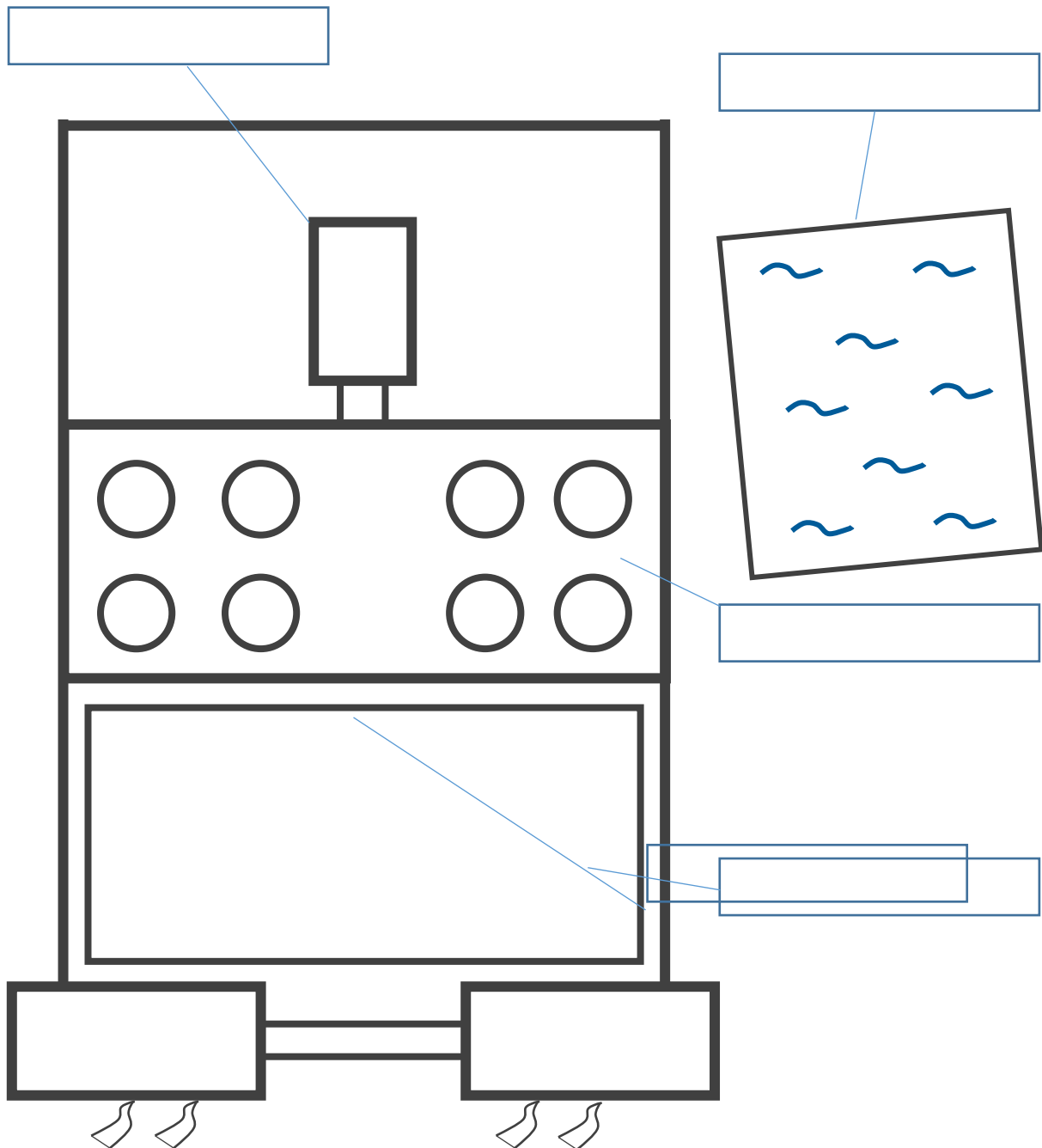


Can you label the
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Temples in Ancient Egypt

Egyptian temples were sacred places where priests worshiped the gods. A temple could be home to one or more deities who were believed to live within statues housed in a shrine. Temples contained libraries of important ritual texts and were also important economic centres.

Some key features of a temple were:



Hypostyle hall: a roofed space filled with columns, often in the shape of papyrus plants.



Open court: a roofless courtyard, also called the 'festival court'.



Pylon: a monumental gateway, originally with flagpoles outside.



Sacred lake: where priests would purify themselves before service.



Sanctuary: where the god's statue was kept in its shrine.