

Ancient Egypt: Life Along the Nile

Learning objective: To understand the importance of the River Nile to Ancient Egyptian civilisation and identify key features of their daily life.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of Ancient Egypt to provide clear, detailed answers. Ellie the elephant is here to help you remember the history facts!

Ellie the elephant has been travelling back through time to explore the banks of the mighty River Nile. From the seasonal flooding that brought rich soil to the farmers' fields, to the grand monuments built for the rulers of the land, Ancient Egypt was a society full of wonder, clever inventions, and fascinating traditions.

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1. Explain why the annual flooding of the River Nile was so important to the farmers of Ancient Egypt. What was left behind when the water receded? (2 marks)

2. The Pharaoh was the most powerful person in Ancient Egypt. List two responsibilities or roles a Pharaoh might have held. (2 marks)

3. Ancient Egyptians developed a unique system of writing. What is this form of picture-writing called, and what material did they use to write on? (2 marks)

4. If a merchant was selling grain at a market, they might use a scale to weigh their goods. If a sack of grain cost £4.50 and the merchant offered a discount of 50p, how much would the customer pay? (1 mark)

5. Why did the Ancient Egyptians spend so much time and effort preparing for the 'afterlife'? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing the River Nile. Include a farmer working in a field, a pyramid in the distance, and at least one boat sailing on the water.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a scribe in Ancient Egypt. Write a short diary entry (3-4 sentences) describing your day, including one thing you observed near the river.