

Life Along the River Nile: An Ancient Egyptian Report

Learning objective: To use historical vocabulary and structured paragraphs to describe key aspects of life in Ancient Egypt.

Use this scaffold to write your historical report. Think about what Ellie the elephant has taught us about the importance of the River Nile and the daily lives of the people who lived there.

The ancient civilisation of Egypt grew and thrived along the banks of the mighty River Nile, which provided everything the people needed to survive.

Word bank: civilisation · fertile · pharaoh · shadoof · papyrus · irrigation · Furthermore · consequently · in addition · traditionally · because of this

1. Introduction: Why was the River Nile so important to the Ancient Egyptians? Start by saying: 'The River Nile was the heartbeat of Ancient Egypt because...' (2 marks)

2. Farming and Daily Life: How did the farmers use the river to grow their crops? Start by saying: 'Farmers relied on the annual flooding of the Nile to ensure the soil was...' (2 marks)

3. Inventions and Tools: What clever inventions helped the Egyptians in their daily work? Start by saying: 'To help move water to their fields, the Egyptians invented a tool called a...' (2 marks)

4. Society and Leaders: Who were the most important people in Ancient Egypt? Start by saying: 'At the top of society was the Pharaoh, who was considered to be...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: What is the most interesting thing you have learned about this time period? Start by saying: 'In summary, Ancient Egypt was an incredible civilisation because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an Ancient Egyptian scribe. Write a diary entry describing one day spent working near the river. Use at least three words from the word bank in your writing.