

Ellie's Ancient Egyptian Expedition: A Chronology Challenge

Learning objective: To sequence key events and developments in Ancient Egyptian history and justify the impact of these changes over time.

Ellie the elephant has been busy digging through history books to uncover the timeline of Ancient Egypt. Below are eight significant events. Your task is to cut out or number these in the correct chronological order (1 to 8). Once sequenced, use your historical knowledge to answer the questions about how these developments shaped Egyptian society.

Word bank: Pharaoh · Hieroglyphics · Irrigation · Sarcophagus · Papyrus · Dynasty · Afterlife · Pyramid

1. 1. Place these events in order: A) The construction of the Great Pyramid of Giza. B) The invention of hieroglyphic writing. C) The unification of Upper and Lower Egypt. D) The discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. E) The practice of mummification becomes common. F) The use of the shaduf for irrigation. G) The reign of Cleopatra VII. H) The construction of the Sphinx. (4 marks)

2. 2. Explain why the annual flooding of the River Nile was essential for the growth of the Egyptian civilisation. (3 marks)

3. 3. Compare and contrast the daily life of a farmer living during the Old Kingdom with that of a scribe. (4 marks)

4. 4. Justify your answer: Why was the invention of papyrus considered a revolutionary moment for Egyptian administration? (3 marks)

5. 5. What might happen if the Ancient Egyptians had not developed a complex system of religious beliefs regarding the afterlife? (3 marks)

6. 6. Analyse the importance of the Pharaoh's role as both a political leader and a religious figure. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram of a shaduf next to the River Nile. Label the different parts and explain in a sentence how this invention helped farmers manage their crops during the dry season.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an archaeologist who has just discovered a new, unopened tomb. Write a formal field report (approx. 150 words) describing the artefacts you see inside and explain what these items reveal about the status and beliefs of the person buried there.