

Ancient Egypt: History Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Ancient Egyptian life, the River Nile, and the significance of pharaohs.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where required. Ensure your spelling is accurate and your handwriting is clear.

Ellie the elephant has been studying the wonders of Ancient Egypt. She discovered that the River Nile was the lifeblood of the civilisation, providing water for crops and a way to transport heavy stone for building pyramids. The Ancient Egyptians believed that life continued after death, which is why they carefully prepared the bodies of their leaders. Ellie also learned that scribes held a very important position in society because they were the only ones who could record information using a complex system of picture writing.

Word bank: Scribe · Pharaoh · Hieroglyphics · Irrigation · Mummification · Silt · Afterlife · Papyrus

1. Why was the River Nile so important for farmers in Ancient Egypt? Mention the word 'silt' in your answer. (2 marks)

2. What was the name of the writing system used by Ancient Egyptians, and what material did they write on? (2 marks)

3. Who was at the top of the social hierarchy in Ancient Egypt, and what was their main role? (2 marks)

4. Explain why the process of mummification was so important to the Ancient Egyptian religion. (4 marks)

5. List two jobs that a person might have had in Ancient Egyptian society, other than being a pharaoh. (2 marks)

6. Max the monkey is confused about how the pyramids were built. Describe the challenges the Egyptians might have faced when moving heavy limestone blocks to build a tomb for a pharaoh. (4 marks)

7. Imagine you are a scribe in Ancient Egypt. Write a short diary entry (approx. 50-75 words) describing your daily tasks, the tools you use, and why your job is vital to the pharaoh. Use at least three words from the word bank. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw and label an Ancient Egyptian shaduf, showing how it was used to help with irrigation near the River Nile.



Extension challenge: Total: /25