

Ellie's Ancient Egyptian Expedition

Learning objective: To construct a detailed historical report on the daily life and achievements of Ancient Egyptians.

Use this scaffold to structure your historical report. Ensure you use technical vocabulary, maintain a formal tone, and support your arguments with evidence from your research. Aim to link your paragraphs using the connectives provided in the word bank.

The ancient civilisation of Egypt, which flourished along the fertile banks of the River Nile, remains one of the most fascinating periods in human history.

Word bank: consequently · furthermore · in contrast · significantly · archaeological evidence · civilisation · sustenance · hierarchy · ingenious · nevertheless

1. The Importance of the Nile: Explain why the River Nile was essential for the survival and growth of the Egyptian civilisation. Start with: The annual flooding of the Nile provided... (3 marks)

2. Social Hierarchy: Describe the structure of Egyptian society. Compare and contrast the daily life of a pharaoh with that of a local farmer. Start with: Egyptian society was organised into a rigid hierarchy, where... (3 marks)

3. Ingenious Innovations: Justify why the Ancient Egyptians are considered master builders and inventors. Start with: The construction of the pyramids demonstrates an advanced understanding of... (3 marks)

4. Beliefs and Afterlife: Explain the significance of mummification and the burial process in Egyptian culture. Start with: The Egyptians held complex beliefs regarding the afterlife, which led them to... (3 marks)

5. Historical Legacy: What might happen if the Egyptians had not developed their system of hieroglyphic writing? Start with: If the Egyptians had never recorded their history through hieroglyphs, we would... (4 marks)

6. Critical Reflection: Compare the role of the Nile in Ancient Egypt to the role of a modern-day natural resource. How do they differ in terms of human dependency? Start with: While the Nile was the lifeblood of Egypt, modern societies rely upon... (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an archaeologist who has just discovered a hidden tomb. Write a formal 'Field Log' entry explaining the significance of one artefact you found inside. Use the phrase 'This discovery changes our understanding of...' and provide a justification for your claim.