

Ancient Egypt: Social Studies / History Assessment

Learning objective: To assess knowledge and understanding of Ancient Egyptian civilisation, including the significance of the River Nile, daily life, and beliefs.

Read each question carefully. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided. For the extended writing task, ensure you use historical vocabulary and well-structured sentences.

Ellie the elephant has been reading scrolls about the River Nile. She discovered that without the annual flooding of the Nile, Ancient Egypt would have been a desert. Farmers used clever irrigation channels to move water to their crops, such as wheat and flax. The Pharaoh was seen as a god on earth, and people spent their lives preparing for the journey to the afterlife. They used a system of writing called hieroglyphics and recorded their history on thin paper made from reeds, known as papyrus.

Word bank: Pharaoh · Hieroglyphics · Sarcophagus · Papyrus · Irrigation · Afterlife · Canopic jars

1. Identify two ways in which the River Nile was essential for the survival of the Ancient Egyptians. (2 marks)

2. What was the role of the Pharaoh in Ancient Egyptian society? Use evidence from the passage to explain. (2 marks)

3. Explain the purpose of hieroglyphics and name the material they were often written on. (2 marks)

4. Why were 'Canopic jars' used during the process of mummification? (2 marks)

5. Describe the Ancient Egyptian belief regarding the 'afterlife'. Why did they think it was important to preserve a person's body? (4 marks)

6. Compare the life of a wealthy noble to the life of a farmer in Ancient Egypt. Consider their jobs and daily routines. (4 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Imagine you are living in Ancient Egypt. Write a diary entry explaining how the yearly flooding of the Nile affects your village and how you contribute to your community. Use at least four key terms from the word bank. (5 marks)

8. Name one major Ancient Egyptian monument and explain why it was built. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of an irrigation system showing how the water from the River Nile reaches the farm crops.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research task: Find out about one female leader of Ancient Egypt and write three facts about her rule.