Ellie’s Ancient Egypt Expedition

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about Ancient Egyptian civilisation, including the importance of the River Nile, pharaohs, and daily life.

Help Ellie the elephant remember her history facts! Read each question carefully and provide the answer in the space provided. Remember to use your best historical vocabulary.

Answer Key: 1. A (The Nile); 2. True; 3. Hieroglyphics; 4. B (To preserve the body for the afterlife); 5. False (They were buried in tombs); 6. A (Tutankhamun); 7. Papyrus; 8. True; 9. B (To store organs); 10. Pharaoh.

Word bank: Pharaoh · Hieroglyphics · Sarcophagus · Nile · Papyrus · Mummification · Canopic jars · Afterlife

1. 1. Which river was essential for the survival of Ancient Egyptian civilisation? A) The River Nile*, B) The River Thames, C) The Amazon, D) The Ganges. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Ancient Egyptians believed in an afterlife where they would live forever. (1 mark)

3. 3. What was the name of the system of writing that used pictures and symbols? (1 mark)

4. 4. Why did the Ancient Egyptians perform mummification? A) To make jewellery, B) To preserve the body for the afterlife*, C) To keep the desert cool, D) To write stories. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Pharaohs were usually buried in wooden crates in the middle of the desert. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which famous young ruler’s tomb was discovered almost completely intact in 1922? A) Tutankhamun*, B) Ramses II, C) Akhenaten, D) Khufu. (1 mark)

7. 7. What material, made from a water plant, did the Ancient Egyptians use to write on? (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Women in Ancient Egypt could own property and run businesses. (1 mark)

9. 9. What were canopic jars used for? A) Storing grain, B) Storing organs*, C) Keeping water, D) Carrying gold. (1 mark)

10. 10. What was the title given to the supreme ruler or 'king' of Ancient Egypt? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene along the banks of the River Nile. Include a pharaoh, a scribe writing on papyrus, and a pyramid in the background.

Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the annual flooding of the River Nile was considered a 'gift' to the Ancient Egyptians. 2. Compare and contrast the lives of a wealthy noble and a peasant farmer in Ancient Egypt. 3. Justify your answer: If you were a Pharaoh, which two things would you choose to be buried with to take to the afterlife and why? 4. What might happen if the Egyptians had never developed a system of writing? 5. Why do you think archaeologists today are so interested in studying tomb paintings? 6. Design your own 'cartouche' (a name plate) using hieroglyph-style symbols to represent your initials.