

Ellie's Ancient Egyptian Explorer Log

Learning objective: To analyze the significance of daily life and leadership in Ancient Egyptian society.

Use this template to record your research on Ancient Egypt. Ellie the elephant, with her incredible memory, wants you to investigate the lives of people living along the River Nile. Use the word bank to help explain your findings in detail, ensuring you justify your points with historical reasoning.

Word bank: Pharaoh · civilisation · papyrus · irrigation · hieroglyphics · dynasty · sarcophagus · afterlife · shadoof · tribute

1. The Role of the Pharaoh: Explain why the Pharaoh was considered the most important person in Ancient Egypt and how they maintained control over the kingdom. (3 marks)

2. The River Nile: Compare and contrast how the geography of the Nile enabled the Egyptian civilisation to flourish compared to a land without a major river. (4 marks)

3. Daily Life: Describe the daily responsibilities of a typical farmer in Ancient Egypt. What might happen if the Nile failed to flood for a season? (3 marks)

4. Beliefs and Customs: Justify why the Ancient Egyptians invested so much time and wealth into the process of mummification and the building of tombs. (4 marks)

5. Inventions and Communication: Explain the significance of hieroglyphics. How did this method of writing change the way information was passed down through generations? (3 marks)

6. Critical Thinking: If you were an archaeologist discovering a new tomb today, what evidence would you look for to determine the social status of the person buried inside? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an advisor to a Pharaoh. Write a short persuasive speech (150 words) justifying why the kingdom should invest in a new irrigation project or a new monumental tomb. Consider the economic costs and the long-term legacy for the dynasty.