

Ancient Egypt: Civilisation and Legacy Assessment

Learning objective: To evaluate understanding of Ancient Egyptian society, geography, and historical significance.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Ensure your explanations are clear and use accurate terminology.

The River Nile was the lifeblood of Ancient Egypt. Without the annual flooding that deposited rich, black silt onto the banks, the desert would have remained uninhabitable. Ellie the elephant, our history explorer, reminds us that the Egyptians were masters of engineering, using the river to transport heavy stones for monumental architecture and developing complex irrigation systems to sustain their crops during the dry seasons.

Word bank: Pharaoh · Hieroglyphics · Silt · Papyrus · Irrigation · Sarcophagus · Afterlife · Dynasty

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

2. Explain the role of a Pharaoh in Ancient Egyptian society. Why was their authority considered absolute? (3 marks)

3. Describe the process of communication in Ancient Egypt. How did the invention of papyrus change the way information was recorded? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the social structure of Ancient Egypt with a modern-day society. What are the key differences in how people are valued? (4 marks)

5. Justify why the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb is considered one of the most significant archaeological events in history. (3 marks)

6. What might happen to the Egyptian economy if the Nile failed to flood for several consecutive years? Consider the impact on trade, agriculture, and labour. (5 marks)

7. Define the term 'mummification' and explain its religious purpose in the context of the Egyptian belief in the afterlife. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram of the Nile Valley, labelling the 'Black Land' (fertile soil) and the 'Red Land' (desert). Include a basic sketch of an irrigation shaduf.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Creative Extension: Imagine you are a scribe living in 1300 BCE. Write a formal diary entry describing a day spent working at the temple. How does your work contribute to the legacy of your dynasty?