

Ellie's Ancient Egyptian Explorer Log

Learning objective: To analyse the significance of daily life, beliefs, and innovations in Ancient Egyptian civilisation.

Use this explorer log to record your historical findings. Ellie the elephant has provided prompts to help you investigate the complexities of Ancient Egypt. Conduct your research using your class textbooks or approved digital resources, then write your findings in clear, formal English. Ensure your justifications are supported by historical evidence.

Word bank: pharaoh · hieroglyphics · afterlife · irrigation · sarcophagus · dynasty · papyrus · civilisation

1. The Role of the Pharaoh: Explain why the pharaoh was considered both a political leader and a religious figure. How did this dual role influence the governance of the kingdom? (4 marks)

2. Technological Innovation: Compare and contrast the use of the River Nile for agriculture in Ancient Egypt with modern farming techniques. What might happen if the annual flooding had failed? (4 marks)

3. Beliefs and Customs: Justify why the process of mummification was so important to Ancient Egyptian culture. What does this tell us about their perspective on death? (4 marks)

4. Communication Systems: Describe the function of hieroglyphics. Why was the invention of papyrus a significant turning point for record-keeping in the ancient world? (3 marks)

5. Social Hierarchy: Create a brief analysis of the social structure. If you were a scribe in Ancient Egypt, how would your daily life differ from that of a peasant farmer? (4 marks)

6. Historical Legacy: Evaluate the influence of Ancient Egyptian architecture, such as the pyramids, on the modern world. Why do these structures continue to fascinate historians today? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an archaeologist who has just discovered a hidden tomb. Write a formal field report describing one artefact you found. Explain what the object is, what material it is made from, and what it reveals about the status or daily life of the person buried within.