Life Along the River Nile: An Ancient Egyptian Scene

Learning objective: To understand the importance of the River Nile to Ancient Egyptian life and identify key features of their civilisation.

Use your knowledge of Ancient Egypt to complete the drawing below. Make sure to include the important geographical and architectural features that Ellie the Elephant has told us about! Use the word bank to label your finished work.

Draw: Create a large, detailed landscape scene of the River Nile. On one side of the river, draw a golden desert with a large stone pyramid. On the other side, show the fertile green land with tall papyrus reeds growing in the mud. Include a small boat on the water and a bright sun in the sky. Use bright, warm colours to show the desert heat.

Label words: River Nile · Pyramid · Pharaoh · Papyrus reeds · Shaduf · Sun · Desert

Steps:

1. Why was the River Nile so important to the people of Ancient Egypt? Write one sentence.
2. Step 1: Draw a winding river flowing from the top to the bottom of your page.
3. Step 2: Draw a tall, triangular structure on one side of the river and label it a 'Pyramid'.
4. Step 3: Add some tall plants growing along the riverbank and label them 'Papyrus'.
5. Step 4: Draw a simple tool near the water used for lifting water. Label this a 'Shaduf'.