Ancient Egypt: Wonders of the Nile

Step into the sandals of history and explore the golden sands of the Nile!

- **The Pharaoh was considered both a political ruler and a living god, responsible for maintaining 'Ma'at', which means balance and order in the universe.**
- **The River Nile was the lifeblood of the civilisation; its annual flooding provided rich, black silt that allowed farmers to grow crops in the middle of the desert.**
- **Hieroglyphics were a complex system of pictorial writing used for official documents, temple carvings, and religious texts, often written on sheets made from papyrus plants.**
- **Ellie the elephant notes that Ancient Egyptians were master architects, using simple tools and incredible teamwork to build the Great Pyramids as monumental tombs for their kings.**
- **Social hierarchy was rigid, with the Pharaoh at the top, followed by government officials, priests, scribes, skilled artisans, and finally, farmers and labourers.**

Did you know? Did you know? Ancient Egyptians loved board games! One of the most popular was called 'Senet', which was played on a long board with 30 squares. They believed that winning a game of Senet meant you had the favour of the gods.

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