Ancient Egypt: Explorer's Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe key aspects of life in Ancient Egypt, including social hierarchy, beliefs, and daily life.

Join Ellie the elephant on a historical expedition! Use your research skills to complete this fact-file. Think about how the River Nile shaped the civilisation and what daily life might have been like for different people in society. Write in full, clear sentences.

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

1. The River Nile: Explain why the River Nile was considered the 'lifeblood' of Ancient Egypt and how it helped farmers. (3 marks)

2. Social Hierarchy: Describe the roles of two different people in Ancient Egyptian society (e.g., a pharaoh, a scribe, or a farmer). (3 marks)

3. Beliefs and Customs: Why did the Ancient Egyptians go to such great lengths to preserve bodies through mummification? (3 marks)

4. Communication: What were hieroglyphics, and what materials did the Egyptians use to write them on? (2 marks)

5. Legacy: Choose one invention or building from Ancient Egypt and explain how it still influences the world today. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an archaeologist who has just discovered a hidden tomb. Write a short paragraph describing three items you found inside and what they tell us about the person who was buried there.