Life along the Nile: An Ancient Egyptian Report

Learning objective: To write an informative report about daily life in Ancient Egypt using historical evidence.

Use the prompts below to structure your historical report. Ensure your tone is formal and informative, reflecting the life and achievements of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation.

The civilisation of Ancient Egypt flourished for thousands of years, primarily due to the life-giving waters of the River Nile.

Word bank: Furthermore · Consequently · In addition · Significantly · However · Archaeological evidence · Silt · Irrigation · Social hierarchy · Dynasty

1. The Importance of the Nile: Describe how the river influenced the growth of crops and the daily lives of farmers. Start by saying: 'The annual flooding of the River Nile was essential because...' (2 marks)

2. The Social Hierarchy: Explain the structure of Egyptian society. Start by saying: 'Ancient Egyptian society was organized like a pyramid, with the Pharaoh at the top who...' (2 marks)

3. Daily Life and Beliefs: What did people do for work, and how did their religious beliefs affect their daily routines? Start by saying: 'Beyond their labor, the people of Egypt held deep beliefs regarding...' (2 marks)

4. Major Achievements: Choose one invention or architectural feat (such as papyrus or the pyramids) and explain its significance. Start by saying: 'One of the most remarkable achievements of this civilisation was...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why this civilisation remains important to historians today. Start by saying: 'In conclusion, the legacy of Ancient Egypt endures because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant has found a broken piece of pottery! Write a short diary entry from the perspective of an Egyptian child living in the village of Deir el-Medina, describing your chores for the day.