

Guided Reading

Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest and most powerful civilizations in the history of the world. It lasted for over 3000 years from 3150 BC to 30 BC.

1) Write 2 words to describe the Ancient Egyptian civilization

1. _____

2. _____

The civilization of Ancient Egypt was located along the Nile River in northeast Africa. The Nile was the source of much of the Ancient Egypt's wealth. Great Egyptian cities grew up along the Nile as the Egyptian people became experts in irrigation and were able to use the water from the Nile to grow rich and profitable crops. The Nile provided food, soil, water, and transportation for the Egyptians. Great floods would come each year and would provide fertile soil for growing food.

2) The Nile river is found in...

Choose 1

Northeast Africa

Northeast Asia

Northeast America

Northeast Antarctica

3) **Find** and copy **one** word which tells you that the Egyptians were very good at using the water of the Nile to grow crops.

4) Write 3 things that the Nile provided for the Egyptians.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

5) Did the yearly floods help the Egyptians? Why? (2)

6) How many years did the Ancient Egyptian civilization last?

300

three thousand

30000

Thirty thousand

Historians usually group the history of Ancient Egypt into three major kingdoms called the Old Kingdom, the Middle Kingdom, and the New Kingdom. It was during these times that Ancient Egypt was at its strongest.

7) Tick the names of the 3 major kingdoms

Ancient Egypt

Middle Kingdom

Old Kingdom

Historians

New Kingdom

Golden Kingdom

8) How was Egypt described during the 3 major kingdoms?

The Pharaohs of Egypt were often buried in giant pyramids or in secret tombs. They believed that they needed treasure to be buried with them to help them in the afterlife. As a result, archeologists have a lot of well-preserved artifacts and tombs to examine in order to find out how the Ancient Egyptians lived.

9) Why did Egyptians want to be buried with their treasure?

10) Why do you think the tombs they were buried in were 'secret'?
