

# ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS:

## Did you know that?

In the ancient world, people didn't live long. Life was very hard in the past. In ancient Egypt, most people lived to be 30 years old and in ancient China people died between the ages of 22-35. For this reason, they got married at the age of 14!

In ancient Egypt, people didn't use to eat with forks. They sometimes used spoons and knives, but they mainly ate with their hands. After they ate, they washed their hands of course! Ancient Greeks had forks but they only used them to serve food. Forks became common in Europe only in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. However, 400 years ago in China, some people used to eat with bone forks, but today chopsticks are more common.

There were cosmetics about 5000 years ago. In ancient Egypt, women, men and even children wore make-up because it was very important to look beautiful. Eye make-up was very popular and green and black were two of the Egyptian's favorite colors. Roman women also wore make-up. Some of the make-up in the past was poisonous.

In ancient Egypt, cats were very special animals. Egyptians loved cats and they used to think that it was a crime to kill a cat! Also, Egyptians used to make cat mummies.

Read the passage again and answer the questions.

1. How old did people live to be in ancient China?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Why did people get married young in the ancient world?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. When did forks become common in Europe?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Who wore make-up in ancient Egypt?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. What color eye make-up was popular?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. What did people in ancient Egypt think about cats?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

chopsticks



make-up



spoon



knife



fork



mummy