

ANCIENT EGYPT



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The Ancient Egyptians were hardworking people. Most of them were farmers. They were also traders and builders. They were great craftsmen, too. Their paintings were very special. The paintings were on temple walls and inside the Pyramids and were about the life of the dead Pharaohs.

The Ancient Egyptians had writing, but the writing didn't have letters. Instead, it had pictures. We call these pictures hieroglyphics.

The Ancient Egyptians lived in Egypt around 3000 BC. Their towns and villages were along the banks of the River Nile. Thanks to the river they had fresh water, food and transportation.

The Pharaohs were the kings and queens of Egypt. The Pharaoh was the head of the government and the most important person in Egypt. The great pyramids were the homes of the dead Pharaohs.

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Ancient Egypt – Comprehension Questions



1. What were Ancient Egyptian houses made of?

2. What were the roofs like?

3. Where did rich people live?

4. How many rooms did some villas have?

5. Who was important to Ancient Egyptians?

6. What free-time activities did they enjoy?

7. What jobs did most Ancient Egyptians have?

8. What did traders do?

9. What did builders do?

10. What were pyramids used for?