



SOL 3.4 Ancient Egypt

3.4a – Where Was Ancient Egypt?

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World map with Egypt



Ancient Egypt was one of the world's first great civilizations. It was located in **northern Africa**, along the **Nile River** in **northeast Africa**.

Geography Facts:

- The **Nile River** is the **longest river in the world**.
- Ancient Egyptians lived along the river because it gave them **water, food, and rich soil** for farming.
- Over time, the **borders (boundaries)** of Egypt changed as leaders gained or lost land.

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3.4b – How Did Geography Affect the Economy?

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Most of the land was very dry desert but because of the Nile River, Egyptians were able to grow crops.



Ancient Egyptians:

- **Farmed** in fertile soil along the Nile River, growing crops like wheat and barley
- Created **irrigation** systems to water their crops with water from the Nile River
- **Traded** goods like gold, papyrus and grain along the Nile River and the Mediterranean coast

Ancient Egypt - Farming rich land around the Nile River



Trade in Ancient Egypt

3.4c – Who Was in Charge?

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Ancient Egypt was ruled by **pharaohs**.

A pharaoh was like a **king or queen**.

The Pharaoh had **total power** over the land and people. The people had to obey



Egyptian Pharaoh

3.4d – What Did They Create?

d. Describe the arts and innovations

Egyptians were very creative! They made **beautiful art**, invented ways to solve problems, and improved life for their people.

Inventions and Innovations;

- **Hieroglyphics:** Egyptians used **symbols** called **hieroglyphs** to tell write their stories and record history.
- **Mathematics:** used to build pyramids and measure land
- **Astronomy:** studied stars to help create calendars and clocks



Paper: Egyptians made paper from Papyrus plants

3.4e – What Did They Build?

e. identify and explain the architecture and its influence in the world today

The Egyptians built amazing structures that still impress people today!

Architecture

- **Pyramids** were giant tombs built for pharaohs.
- **Temples** were places to honor gods and goddesses.
- They used **simple machines** like **ramps** and **levers** to move huge stones.



Influence Today:

- Egyptian style can still be seen in buildings today.
- Their use of **geometry** and **planning** helps builders today.

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Words to Know:

- **Architecture** means the design and building of structures.
- **Hieroglyphics** are symbols used for writing.
- **Innovation** is a new idea or an improvement on an old idea.
- **Pharaoh** is the title for the ruler of ancient Egypt.
- **Ancient** means something from a long, long time ago.
- **Geography** is the study of land, rivers, mountains, and where people live.
- **Economy** is how people make, buy, and sell things.
- **Resources** are things in nature people use, like water, wood, and stone.
- **Government** is how a place is ruled and organized.