

### **Grade 3**

### **Reading - History**

### **The Ancient Egyptians: Builders of Pyramids and Keepers of Secrets**

Once upon a time, in a land called Egypt, there lived a fascinating civilization known as the Ancient Egyptians. They lived thousands of years ago and left behind many amazing wonders, like the Great Pyramids, the Sphinx, mummies. Let's take a journey back in time to discover more about these incredible people.

The Ancient Egyptians lived along the banks of the Nile River. The Nile was their life source, providing them with water, fertile soil, and fish. They built their homes and cities near the river and depended on it for survival.

One of the most famous things the Ancient Egyptians are known for is building the Great Pyramids. These are gigantic, triangular-shaped structures made of massive stones. They were built as tombs for pharaohs, the rulers of ancient Egypt. The pyramids were so well-constructed that they have stood for thousands of years, and people from all over the world come to see them today.

The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods and goddesses. They thought that these gods controlled different aspects of life, like the sun, the river, and even the afterlife. To honor these gods, the Egyptians built magnificent temples and left behind beautiful art and hieroglyphics, which were their way of writing using pictures.

Another fascinating aspect of Ancient Egypt is mummies. The Egyptians believed in an afterlife, and they mummified the bodies of their pharaohs and nobles to preserve them. They thought that if the body remained intact, the person's spirit could continue to the afterlife. To make a mummy, they removed the organs, wrapped the body in linen bandages, and placed it in a decorated coffin.

Now, let's test your knowledge about Ancient Egypt with some multiple-choice questions:

1. Where did the Ancient Egyptians build their homes and cities?

- a) In the mountains
- b) Along the Nile River
- c) In the deserts
- d) On islands

2. What are the Great Pyramids used for?

- a) To store treasure
- b) As temples for worship
- c) As tombs for pharaohs
- d) To watch the stars

3. What did the Ancient Egyptians use hieroglyphics for?

- a) To write stories
- b) To communicate with other civilizations
- c) To write using pictures
- d) To draw pictures of animals

4 Why did the Ancient Egyptians mummify their pharaohs and nobles?

- a) To make them look beautiful
- b) To prevent them from coming back to life
- c) To preserve their bodies for the afterlife
- d) To show off their wealth

5. What was the primary source of life for the Ancient Egyptians?

- a) Mountains
- b) Deserts
- c) The Nile River
- d) Oceans

6. Which famous structures were built as tombs for pharaohs?

- a) Pyramids
- b) Temples
- c) Obelisks
- d) Sphinxes

7. What did the Ancient Egyptians believe about gods and goddesses?

- a) They had no gods or goddesses.
- b) They believed in only one god.
- c) They believed in many gods and goddesses.
- d) They believed in animals as gods.

8. Why did the Ancient Egyptians use mummification?

- a) To create art
- b) To preserve bodies for the afterlife
- c) To make the body look scary
- d) To build pyramids

1. Answer: b) Along the Nile River. The Ancient Egyptians built their homes and cities near the Nile River because it provided them with water, fertile soil, and fish for survival.

2. Answer: c) As tombs for pharaoh. The Great Pyramids were built as tombs for pharaohs, the rulers of ancient Egypt.

3. Answer: c) To write using pictures. Hieroglyphics were the way the Ancient Egyptians wrote using pictures to represent words and ideas.

4. Answer: c) To preserve their bodies for the afterlife. The Ancient Egyptians mummified their pharaohs and nobles to preserve their bodies for the afterlife because they believed in an afterlife where the body needed to be intact.

5. Answer: c) The Nile River. The Nile River was the primary source of life for the Ancient Egyptians. It provided them with water for drinking and farming, fertile soil, and fish for food.

6. Answer: a) Pyramids. The pyramids were built as tombs for pharaohs in Ancient Egypt.

7. Answer: c) They believed in many gods and goddesses. The Ancient Egyptians believed in a pantheon of gods and goddesses, each of whom had specific roles and responsibilities in their beliefs.

8. Answer: b) To preserve bodies for the afterlife. The Ancient Egyptians used mummification to preserve the bodies of pharaohs and nobles so that their spirits could safely journey to the afterlife.