

ANCIENT ADVENTURES: HIEROGLYPHIC HORSEPLAY

ANSWER KEY

Discussion Questions

Directions: After reading the adventure, discuss the questions below with the listeners.

1. What did the Egyptians believe their gods controlled?

Accept a variety of responses here, including the Nile, craftsmanship, the sun, etc.

2. What was the Egyptian form of writing called? How was it different from our modern alphabet?

The Egyptian form of writing was known as hieroglyphics. Unlike our alphabet today, hieroglyphs were a form of picture-writing.

3. Which river was essential to Egyptian life? What resources did the Egyptians get from this river?

The Nile was essential to Egyptian life because it flooded the land, making the soil rich and fertile. This allowed the Egyptians to grow crops in such an arid environment. The Nile provided the Egyptians with fish, water, papyrus, and many other natural resources.

4. Why were scribes held in such high regard in Egyptian society?

Very few people were able to read and write in ancient societies. Scribes often worked for the wealthy upper class, including priests, merchants, and even the pharaoh.

5. How was the Egyptian point of view of the Afterlife similar or dissimilar to modern points of view on the subject?

The Egyptians believed that a person's soul was rewarded or punished based on the things they did while alive. However, certain rituals could help a person reach the Afterlife. Accept a variety of responses regarding the Afterlife and its similarity to modern points of view.