

ANCIENT ADVENTURES: EGYPT SHMEGYPT

ANSWER KEY

Discussion Questions

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

1. Egypt has been referred to as the “gift of the Nile.” What “gifts” did the Nile River have for the people of ancient Egypt?

The Nile provided rich flood waters to irrigate the soil along the river. The Nile also provided fish, papyrus, ducks, and other natural resources.

2. During what season of the year did the people work on the pyramids? Why do you think this was so?

The people of Egypt typically continued the construction of the pyramids during the flood season. This was done because farmers couldn't work in their fields during the flood season. Working on the pyramids provided them with income while their fields were flooded.

3. Did the Nile River hold any dangers? What advice would you give to a fisherman in ancient Egypt?

Crocodiles roamed the waters of the Nile. Accept a variety of student answers regarding advice to fishermen of ancient Egypt.

4. Why do you think grave robbing was considered so offensive to the people of ancient Egypt?

When someone stole from a person's grave, they were believed by the Egyptians to be disturbing the person's Afterlife.