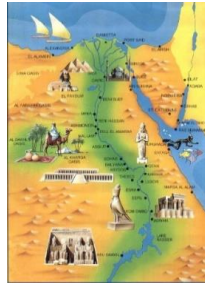


Geography

Key Question: Why was the Nile so important to the success of the Ancient Egyptians? What attracts people to the Nile Valley nowadays?

What should I already know?

- The 5 continents and seas and oceans.
- Physical and human features.
- What tourism is.



Vocabulary

Tourism: When people travel from where they live to another place for pleasure or relaxation.

Economy: a places income and how it is spent.

Physical features: Natural features that would have been there if there were no people around (lake, mountain)

Human features: Features built or made by humans (house, road)

Locate: discover the place or position of something.

Fertile: soil producing abundant crops/plants.

Income: money received for work/business.

Pyramid: an ancient monumental structure with sloping sides that meet at a point.

Temple: a building for religious purposes.

Settlement: a place where people establish a community

Grid reference: a position on a map that has been divided into squares.

Atlas: a book of maps.

Continent: a large solid area of land,

Source: where the river begins.

Tributary: a small river/stream that fows into the main river.

Irrigation: to water crops by man made means.

Shaduf: an Egyptian hand operated device for lifting water.

Key learning

The location of the River Nile:

The River Nile is the longest river in the world and flows 4100 miles before reaching the Mediterranean Sea. The River flows through 11 countries some of these are; Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan and Burundi. We will be focusing on the part that flows through Egypt. Egypt is a country in the continent of Africa.

Why was the Nile so important to the success of the Ancient Egyptians?

There are many reasons the river was useful to the Ancient Egyptians these are farming, food, water and transportation. The Ancient Egyptians were among the first people to learn how to **farm** because Egypt had incredible fertile land that was suitable for farming. This was due to the fact that the River Nile flooded each year; for about 10 miles either die of the river the soil turned black and was rich in minerals that helped crops grow. The Ancient Egyptians soon realised this and began to settle on the banks of the River Nile and build towns and cities and civilisation as thy no longer needed to move around to hunt for food.

Another reason was that they used the River for **transportation**; ships could be used to transport stone for building the cities, temples and pyramids as well as transporting people and goods/materials. The River was also used for **fishing** as well as catching birds that came to the river too. The river banks were full of reeds called **papyrus** which was turned into a kind of paper.

What attracts people to the River Nile nowadays?

Tourism is key in Egypt and is one of the leading sources of income making it crucial to the economy of the country. People come to visit the Historical sites such as the pyramids of Giza and temples of Edfu and Abu Simbel. River cruises are very popular as you can explore the History along the banks.