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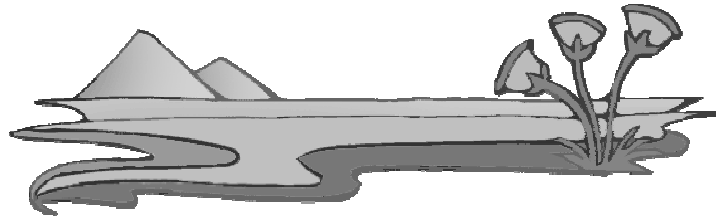
The Land of the Nile



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Gifts of the Nile

Around 7000 years ago, people began to settle down along the Nile River in Africa. Imagine a deep green river and a wide azure sky, with lush plants and brown bluffs along the shoreline, and you've begun to imagine ancient Egypt.

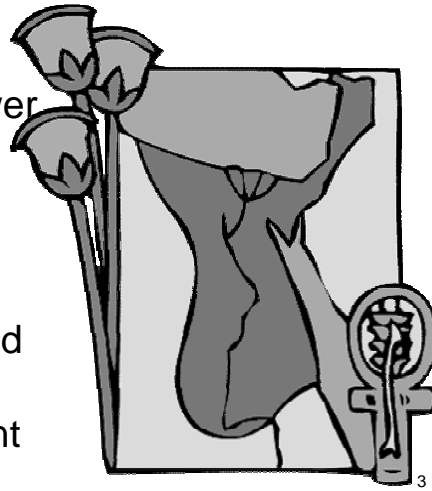


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Gifts of the Nile

The Nile is the world's longest river. It is over 4000 miles long. It is shaped like the lotus flower so often seen in ancient Egyptian art.

Because of the Nile, the ancient Egyptians enjoyed a high standard of living compared to other ancient civilizations.



Teacher Notes:

Ancient Egypt benefited from many natural barriers. There were deserts to the east and west of the Nile River, and mountains to the south. This isolated the ancient Egyptians and allowed them to develop a truly distinctive culture.

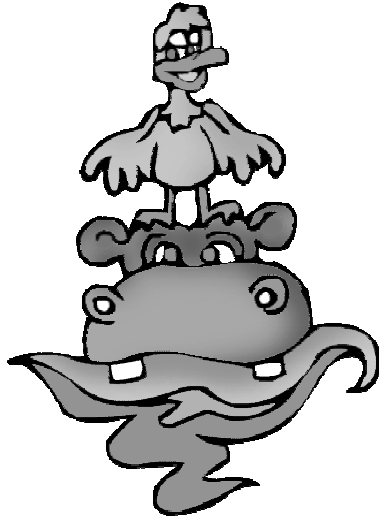
Gifts of the Nile

AGRICULTURE: Each year, the Nile flooded, leaving behind a rich dark soil called “the gift of the Nile.”

Farmers grew figs, onions, pomegranates, apples, beans, garlic, peas, radishes, spinach, turnips, lettuce, cucumbers, carrots, melons, pumpkins, grapes, barley (for bread and beer), and flax (used to make clothing.)



Gifts of the Nile



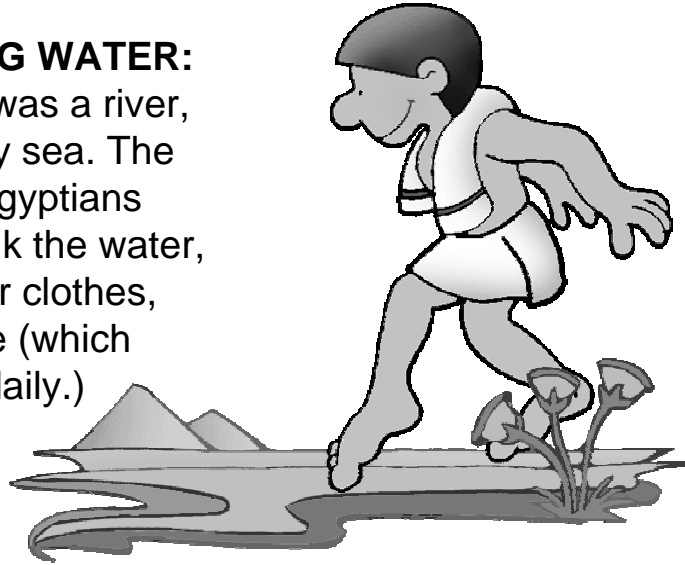
PASTURELAND: Herdsmen pastured animals along the Nile marshes. Cattle, oxen, sheep, and goats provided meat, milk, butter, hides, and dung as fuel for cooking.

FISH & GAME: There were ducks, wild geese, quail, water birds, crocodiles, and hippopotamuses.

Gifts of the Nile

DRINKING WATER:

The Nile was a river, not a salty sea. The ancient Egyptians could drink the water, wash their clothes, and bathe (which they did daily.)

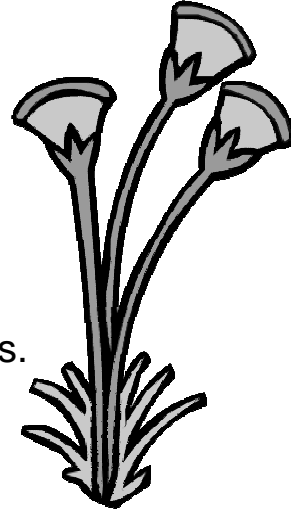


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Gifts of the Nile

BUILDING MATERIAL: The Nile created deposits of clay, granite, sandstone, and limestone. The Egyptians built their homes out of stone and clay, not wood.

PAPYRUS: A wild plant called papyrus grew along the riverbanks. The Egyptians used papyrus to make paper, boats, sandals, and baskets.



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