

Unit 3 Home Learning Week 6

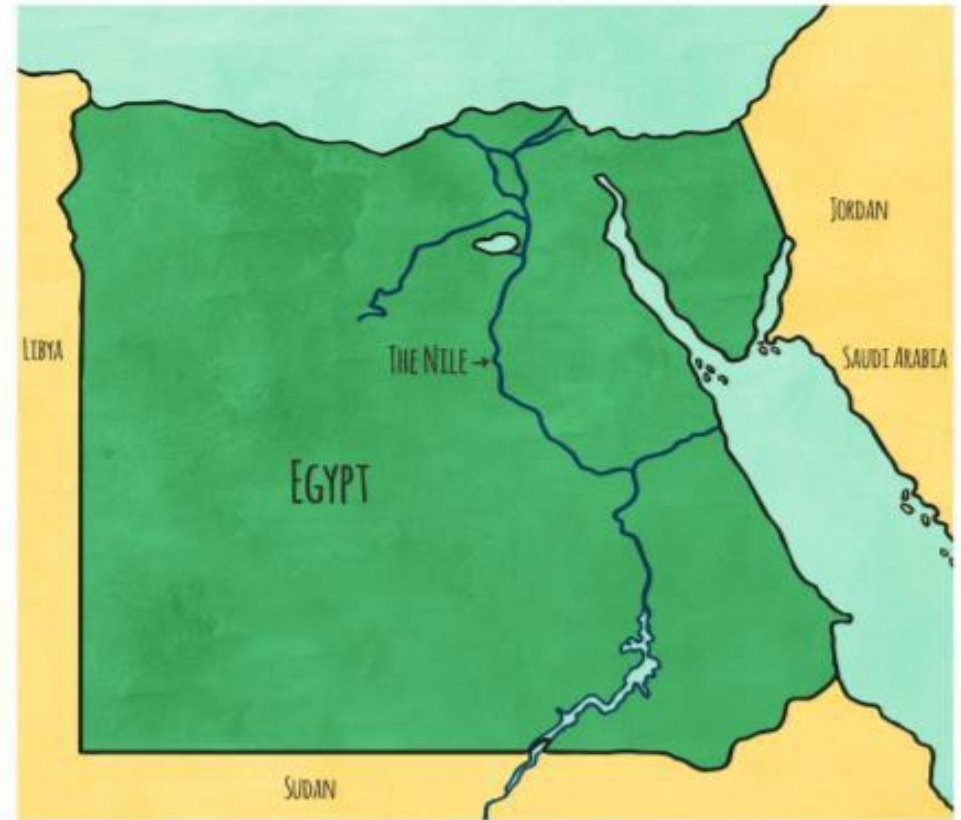
Wednesday Reading

Who They Were

The ancient Egyptians were an ancient civilisation which existed from around 3100 to 332 BC. They lived in the lower end of the river Nile, which now lies in the modern country of Egypt. They were very successful due to their skills in medicine, farming and construction. Remains of their civilisation can still be seen today in their buildings, art and hieroglyphics.

The Egyptians had many rivals when they were at their most powerful, including the Hittite, Assyrian and the Mitanni Empires. The civilisation was invaded many times over its existence until it finally fell to the Greeks and then the Romans by 30 BC.

Most of the Egyptians lived by the Nile, a river which runs through the country and almost all of the people in Egypt today live along the same river.



The Land

The ancient Egyptians lived mainly around the Nile and northern coast of Africa because on the rest of the land it was hard to grow crops. However, at the beginning of the ancient Egyptian civilisation the climate was very different, the land was green and filled with plants and animals.

Their continued success was because of their skills at adapting to the conditions of the Nile River valley. They knew how to predict a flood and used the water to grow more crops than they needed, giving many a comfortable life.

1. What three skills meant the Egyptians were very successful?
2. Who were some of the rivals (enemies) of the Egyptians?
3. Why did the Egyptians live around the river Nile?
4. Which word in the last paragraph means “changing”?
5. Which people took over from the Egyptians?

Answers

1. medicine, farming, construction (building)
2. Hittites, Assyrians, Mittani
3. They lived around the Nile because the rest of the ground was too dry to grow crops.
4. adapting
5. The Greeks and then Romans.