World History

Culture of Ancient Egypt (Questions)

Directions: You will be responsible for finding the answers to one of the following set of questions from the designated reading. You will then teach, and learn the answers to the other sections from students who were assigned them. You will need to complete all three sections.

Art and Architecture Thought Questions:

1. What clues do the pyramids and their various statues reveal about Egyptian beliefs and values?

2. Why are mummies and the sarcophagus so helpful in Egyptology? (The study of Egypt)

3. Why would it be possible to look at the construction of someone’s house and figure out if they were wealthy or not in Egyptian society?

4. What is the Rosetta Stone and why is it so important to the study of Egypt?

Religious Practices Thought Questions:

1. What do the Egyptian gods reveal about the relationship Ancient Egyptians had with the environment around them? What significance is there that Ra is the primary deity?

2. What type of connection did commoners have with the gods? Why were the priests then so important to the Egyptian religion?
3. How were people with money at an advantage when it came to things like burials compared to commoners?

4. How would it be possible to look at a person’s burial chamber and figure out how wealthy they were, or what part of society they came from?

Societal Structure Thought Questions:

1. Compare the role of the Vizier to a modern equivalent. Explain what types of things they do that make them similar.

2. What connection did farmers have with the Nile river? Why would it make sense that they treated the Nile like a god?

3. What types of roles did nobles have in the regional governments? In the central government?

4. Explain what it means that Pharaohs were “divine” and “hereditary.”