



Art History

Engineering an Empire: Egypt

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Directions: Answer the following questions while watching the History Channel's *Engineering an Empire: The Egyptians*.

1. What role do you think the Nile River played in Egypt's prosperity? Do you think ancient Egypt could have become a majestic civilization without the Nile?
2. What were some examples of the challenges laborers faced in constructing Egypt's monuments? What do you think motivated them?
3. This documentary reveals the ways many Egyptian engineering feats were marked by failure initially. Give some examples of mistakes or failures engineers and workers encountered and the solutions they developed. What if the Egyptians had simply abandoned these tasks?
4. Why were pharaohs' tombs so significant in ancient Egypt? What were some of the hallmarks and notable characteristics of Egyptian tombs?
5. What were some of the key innovations that resulted from the reign of Queen Hatshepsut?
6. By building such grand monuments, what messages do you think the Egyptians wanted to send to their enemies, to their gods, and to the generations that followed them? Could some monuments achieve all of these goals at the same time? Discuss.