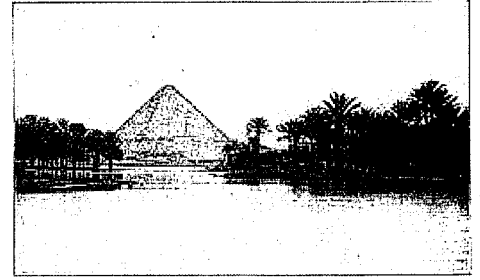


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The Nile River

The Nile is the longest river in the world. It flows all through Egypt, from south to north. The Nile River was very important to life in ancient Egypt. People called the river "Ar." That meant "black." Away from the Nile River Valley, most of Egypt was desert. Nothing could grow there. The desert was called "the red land."



The river flooded every year. The flood spread rich, black, fertile mud on the land along the river. It gave them food. People could grow crops in the rich soil. The people fished in the Nile. Reeds called papyrus grew along the river. Paper was made from papyrus. Boats were made from it, too.

The Nile gave people an easy way to travel. Boats were the best way to go from place to place. People built homes near the river. Cities were built near the river. Ancient Egypt was the first large nation in the world. It grew because of the Nile. The river gave the people water to drink. It gave them food. They bathed in it. Life in ancient Egypt depended on the Nile River.

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Questions

- _____ 1. What is this story mainly about?
- A. The Nile River was very important to life in ancient Egypt.
 - B. The river gave the people water to drink.
 - C. Most of Egypt was desert.

2. What was papyrus used for?

- _____ 3. Egypt grew into a large nation because of _____.
- A. the Nile River
 - B. papyrus
 - C. boats

4. What did people in ancient Egypt call the Nile?

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- _____ 5. How did the Nile give people food?
- A. After the flood, people could grow crops in the rich soil.
 - B. People could catch fish in the river.
 - C. both A and B