

**Subject Area:** History  
**Unit Title:** Ancient Egyptian Daily Life  
**Grade Level:** 6-8  
**Lesson Number:** 1 of 4

**Duration:** 60 minutes  
**Date:** 2023-02-20  
**Teacher:** Ms. Johnson  
**Room:** 101

## Curriculum Standards Alignment

### Content Standards:

- Understand the social hierarchy of Ancient Egypt
- Describe the daily activities and occupations of Ancient Egyptians
- Analyze the cultural practices and traditions of Ancient Egypt

### Skills Standards:

- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving
- Communication

### Cross-Curricular Links:

- Geography
- Language Arts
- Mathematics

## Essential Questions & Big Ideas

### Essential Questions:

- What was daily life like in Ancient Egypt?
- How did the social hierarchy of Ancient Egypt impact daily life?
- What were the cultural practices and traditions of Ancient Egypt?

### Enduring Understandings:

- Ancient Egyptian daily life was shaped by its social hierarchy
- Ancient Egyptian culture was characterized by its unique practices and traditions
- Ancient Egypt's legacy can be seen in modern society

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## Student Context Analysis

**Class Profile:**

- Total Students: 25
- ELL Students: 5
- IEP/504 Plans: 3
- Gifted: 2

**Learning Styles Distribution:**

- Visual: 40%
- Auditory: 30%
- Kinesthetic: 30%

## Pre-Lesson Preparation

### Room Setup:

- Arrange desks in a U-shape
- Set up whiteboard and markers
- Prepare handouts and materials

### Technology Needs:

- Computer and projector
- Internet access
- Audio equipment

### Materials Preparation:

- Whiteboard markers
- Handouts
- Textbooks

### Safety Considerations:

- Ensure students are seated safely
- Avoid any hazardous materials
- Be aware of any student allergies or medical conditions

## Detailed Lesson Flow

### Introduction (10 minutes)

- Introduce the topic of Ancient Egyptian daily life
- Ask students to share prior knowledge
- Write down key terms and concepts on the board

### Daily Activities and Occupations (20 minutes)

- Show images and videos of Ancient Egyptian daily life
- Discuss the social hierarchy and its impact on daily life
- Have students work in pairs to match occupations with descriptions

### Engagement Strategies:

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- Think-pair-share
- Gallery walk
- Think-aloud protocol

### Cultural Practices and Traditions (20 minutes)

- Show images and videos of Ancient Egyptian cultural practices
- Discuss the significance of mummification and the afterlife
- Have students work in groups to create a diagram of the afterlife

### Checking for Understanding:

- Exit tickets

- Quizzes
- Class discussions

### **Conclusion (10 minutes)**

- Review key terms and concepts
- Ask students to reflect on what they learned
- Provide homework assignment

## Differentiation & Support Strategies

### For Struggling Learners:

- Provide extra support during group work
- Offer one-on-one instruction
- Use visual aids and graphic organizers

### For Advanced Learners:

- Provide extra challenges during group work
- Offer independent projects
- Use complex texts and resources

### ELL Support Strategies:

- Use visual aids and graphic organizers
- Provide bilingual resources
- Offer one-on-one instruction

### Social-Emotional Learning Integration:

- Encourage empathy and self-awareness
- Model positive relationships and communication
- Provide opportunities for self-reflection

## Assessment & Feedback Plan

### Formative Assessment Strategies:

- Quizzes
- Class discussions
- Exit tickets

### Success Criteria:

- Students will be able to describe the social hierarchy of Ancient Egypt
- Students will be able to explain the significance of mummification and the afterlife
- Students will be able to analyze the cultural practices and traditions of Ancient Egypt

### Feedback Methods:

- Verbal feedback
- Written feedback
- Peer feedback

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## Homework & Extension Activities

### Homework Assignment:

Have students research and write a short essay on an Ancient Egyptian occupation or cultural practice.

### Extension Activities:

- Have students create a model of an Ancient Egyptian structure

- Have students participate in a role-playing activity to simulate Ancient Egyptian daily life
- Have students research and create a presentation on an Ancient Egyptian god or goddess

**Parent/Guardian Connection:**

Encourage parents/guardians to ask their child about what they learned in class and to provide feedback on the homework assignment.

## Teacher Reflection Space

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**Pre-Lesson Reflection:**

- What are my goals for this lesson?
- What potential challenges might I face?
- What strategies will I use to support struggling learners?

**Post-Lesson Reflection:**

- What went well during the lesson?
- What could be improved?
- What will I do differently next time?

## Introduction

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Welcome to the lesson on Daily Activities and Occupations of Ancient Egyptians. This lesson is designed for students aged 11-14, following the UK Primary School Curriculum. The lesson aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the daily lives of Ancient Egyptians, including their social hierarchy, occupations, and cultural practices.

## Lesson Objectives

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- To understand the social hierarchy of Ancient Egypt, including the different classes and their roles in society
- To learn about the daily activities and occupations of Ancient Egyptians, including farming, trade, and craftsmanship
- To analyze the cultural practices and traditions of Ancient Egypt, including mummification, festivals, and worship
- To evaluate the historical significance of Ancient Egyptian daily activities and occupations, and their impact on modern society

## Social Hierarchy of Ancient Egypt

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The social hierarchy of Ancient Egypt was divided into several classes, including the pharaoh, nobles, priests, artisans, and peasants. The pharaoh was the ruler of Ancient Egypt and was believed to be a god-king. The nobles and priests played important roles in supporting the pharaoh and maintaining the social hierarchy.

- Foundation students: Identify the different classes and their roles
- Core students: Explain the relationships between the classes and their roles in society
- Extension students: Analyze the impact of social hierarchy on daily life in Ancient Egypt

## Daily Activities and Occupations

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Ancient Egyptians engaged in a variety of daily activities and occupations, including farming, trade, and craftsmanship. Farmers grew crops, such as barley and emmer wheat, and raised livestock, such as cattle and goats. Traders bought and sold goods, such as grains, spices, and textiles.

- Foundation students: Describe the daily activities and occupations of Ancient Egyptians
- Core students: Explain the importance of different occupations in Ancient Egyptian society
- Extension students: Evaluate the impact of daily activities and occupations on the economy and society of Ancient Egypt

## Cultural Practices and Traditions

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Ancient Egyptians believed in an afterlife, where the soul would journey to the underworld to be judged by the god Osiris. They believed that the heart, which was considered the seat of the soul, would be weighed against the feather of truth to determine the person's worthiness for the afterlife.

- Foundation students: Identify the different cultural practices and traditions
- Core students: Explain the significance of cultural practices and traditions in Ancient Egyptian society
- Extension students: Analyze the impact of cultural practices and traditions on daily life in Ancient Egypt



## Historical Significance and Legacy

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Ancient Egyptians made significant contributions to modern civilization, including architecture, medicine, and mathematics. The pyramids, temples, and tombs of Ancient Egypt are testaments to their architectural achievements.

- Foundation students: Identify the contributions of Ancient Egyptians to modern society
- Core students: Explain the impact of Ancient Egyptian daily activities and occupations on modern society
- Extension students: Evaluate the legacy of Ancient Egypt in contemporary society

## Impact on Modern Society

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The daily activities and occupations of Ancient Egyptians have had a lasting impact on modern society. The development of architecture, medicine, and mathematics in Ancient Egypt has influenced the development of these fields in modern times.

- Foundation students: Describe the impact of Ancient Egyptian daily activities and occupations on modern society
- Core students: Explain the significance of Ancient Egyptian contributions to modern society
- Extension students: Analyze the legacy of Ancient Egypt in contemporary society

## Conclusion

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In conclusion, the Daily Activities and Occupations of Ancient Egyptians lesson provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the daily lives of Ancient Egyptians, including their social hierarchy, occupations, and cultural practices. The lesson caters to the needs of students with different abilities, providing foundation, core, and extension activities to support their learning.

- Foundation students: Summarize the key points of the lesson
- Core students: Analyze the significance of the lesson
- Extension students: Evaluate the impact of the lesson on their understanding of Ancient Egyptian daily activities and occupations

## Next Steps

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Next steps for instruction include:

- Lesson 2: Ancient Egyptian Architecture and Engineering
- Lesson 3: Ancient Egyptian Beliefs and Values
- Lesson 4: Ancient Egyptian Trade and Commerce

## Appendix

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Glossary of key terms, timeline of Ancient Egyptian history, and list of resources, including books, websites, and videos.

