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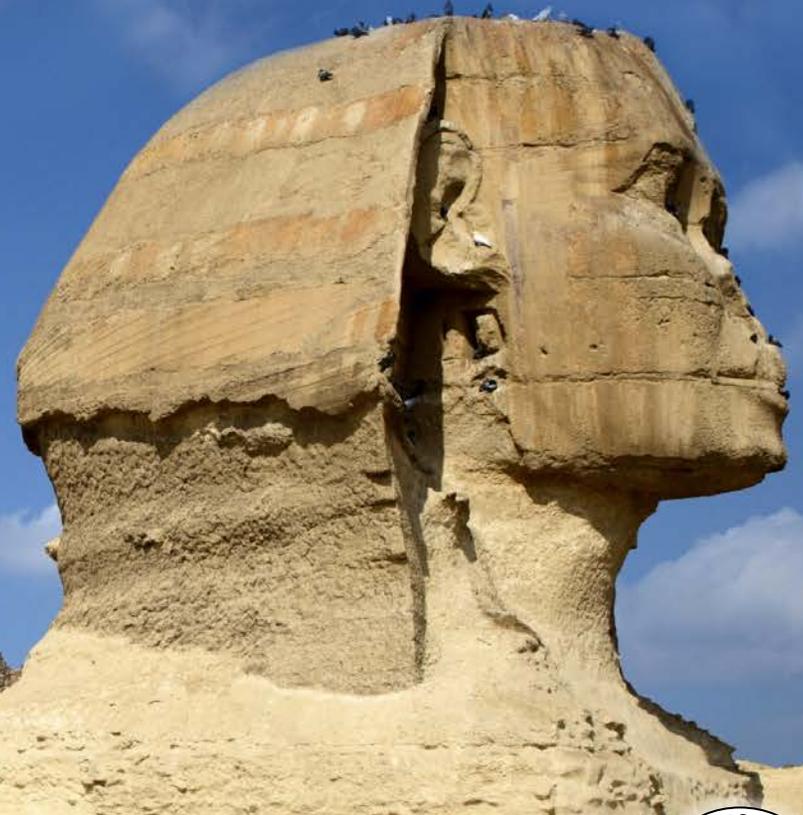
Why do you think people built huge tombs for the pharaohs?

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Why is the Nile River important to Egypt?

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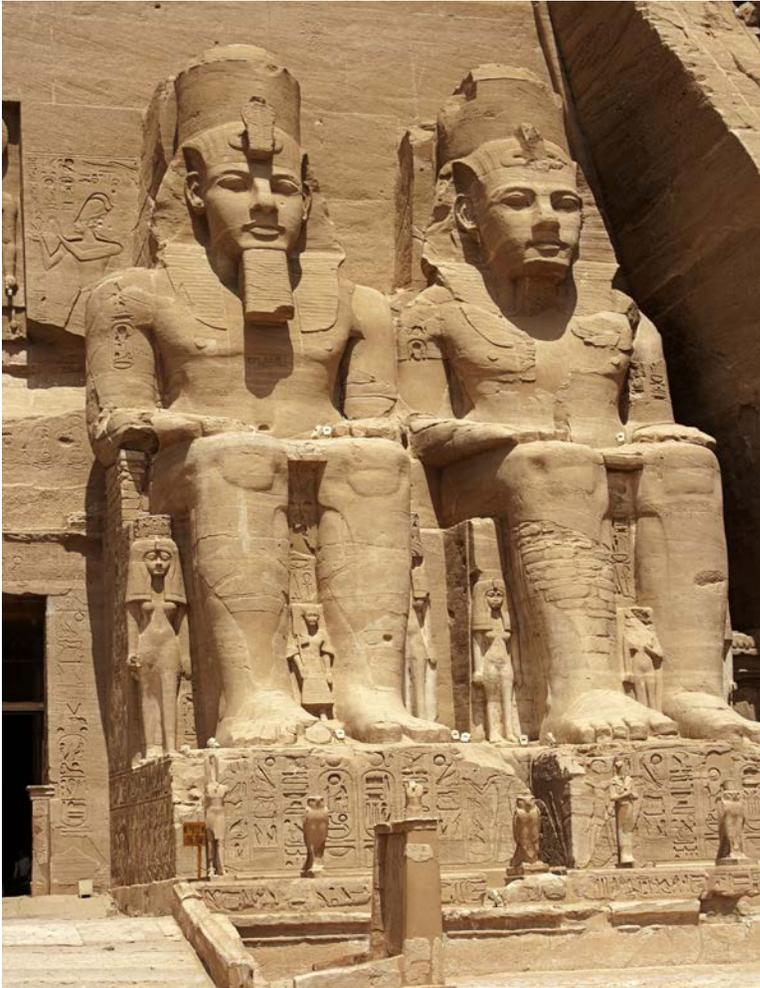
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Front and back cover: The Great Sphinx (SFEENKS) is a very old statue in Egypt. It has the head of a man and the body of a lion.

Title page: Statues of an old king named Ramses (RAM-seez) can be seen outside a temple in Egypt.

Page 3: Some girls and women in Egypt wear scarves to cover their heads.

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Where Is It?

Egypt is a country in North Africa. The Mediterranean (MEH-duh-tuh-RAY-nee-uhn) Sea is to the north. The Red Sea is to the east. Other countries are to the west and south.



The Nile River flows through Cairo.

The capital city of Egypt is Cairo (KEYE-roh).

It is also one of the largest cities in Africa.

More than eleven million people live there.



Some people in Egypt use camels to help them work in the hot and dry land.

People

More than eighty-six million people live in Egypt.

Most of them speak Arabic.

Many people live in farming towns along the Nile River.



The land on each side of the Nile River is good for farming.

Some farmers in Egypt grow cotton along the Nile. The cotton is used to make clothes. Farmers also grow rice, wheat, and other foods.

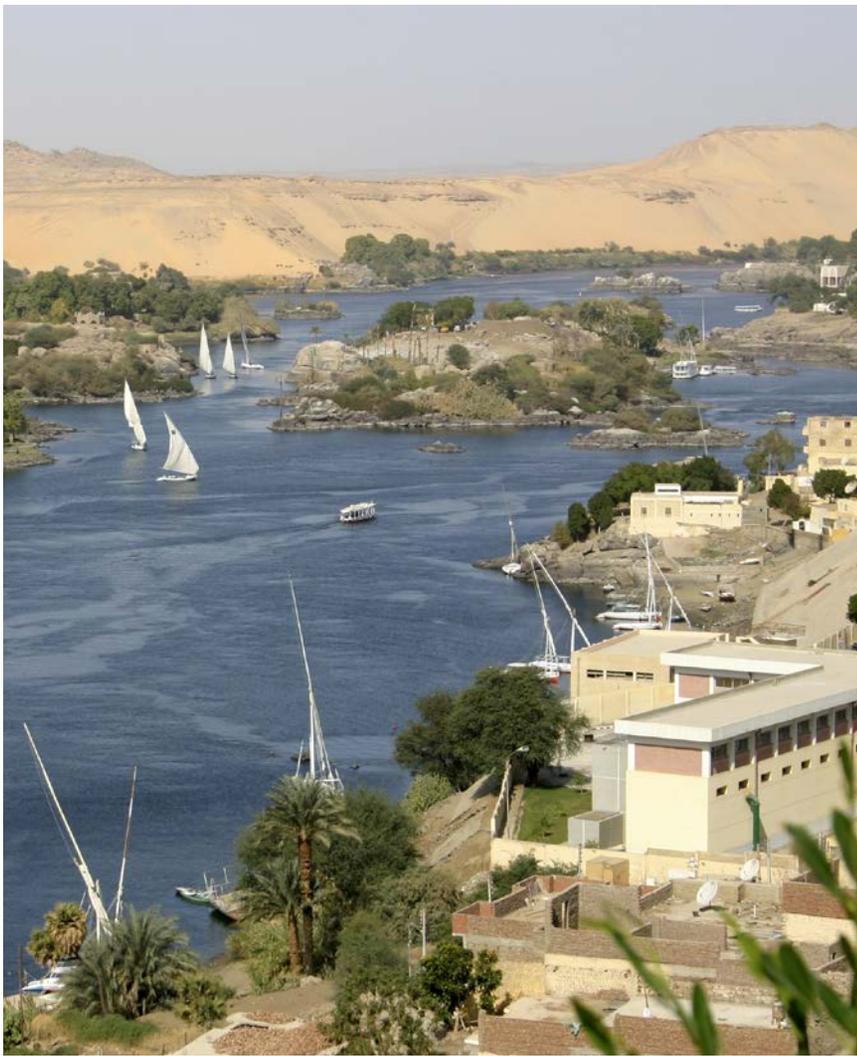


Land

The **desert** stretches across all of Egypt.

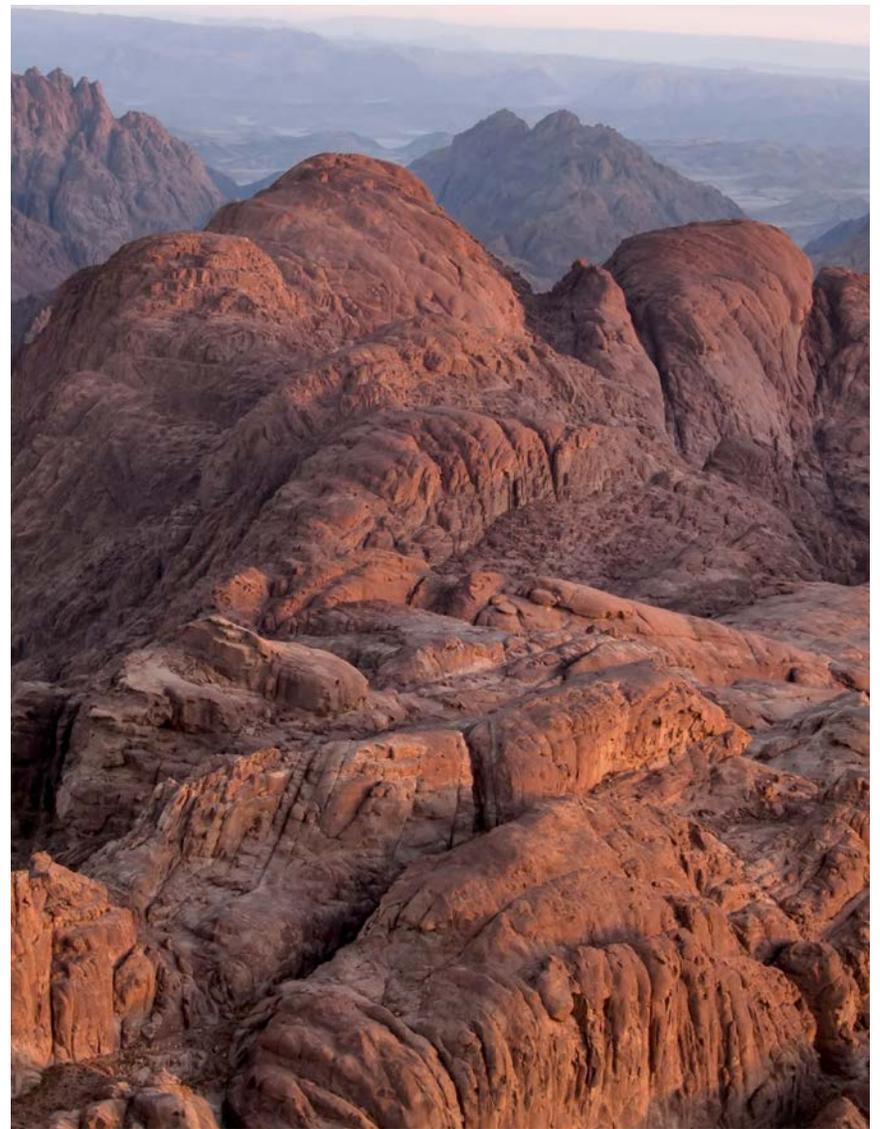
The Nile River runs through the east.

It is the longest river in the world.



The Nile River runs through many towns and cities.

The Nile ends at the Mediterranean Sea.
The land where the Nile ends is the Nile **Delta**.



The Sinai (SEYE-neye) Mountains in Egypt are very tall.

Egypt also has mountains.
Tall mountains rise in the east.
Low mountains rise in the west.



Egypt's deserts are home to a type of goat called the *ibex* (EYE-beks), the fennec fox, and the spiny-tailed lizard.

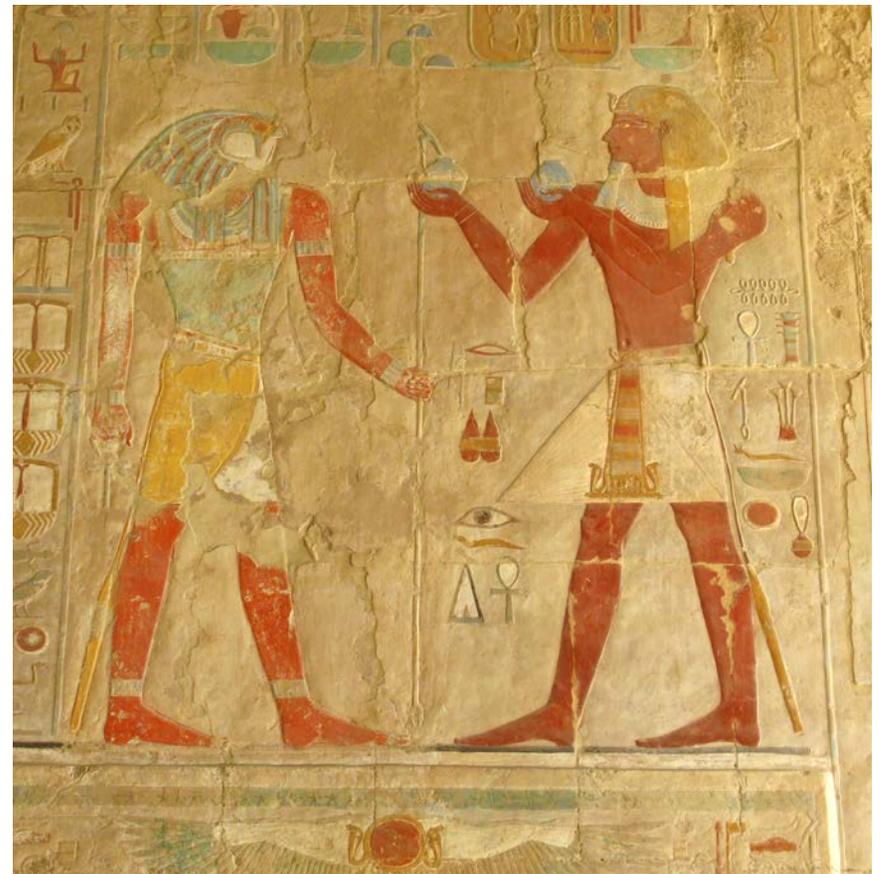
Animals

Many animals live in Egypt.

Foxes, lizards, and other animals live in the desert.

People raise water buffalo, sheep, and goats.

Some people use camels to travel from place to place.



People in Egypt painted pictures of their gods on the walls of tombs and temples.

History

Egypt is very old.

Long ago, kings called **pharaohs** (FEHR-ohz) ruled the land.

People believed the pharaohs were gods.



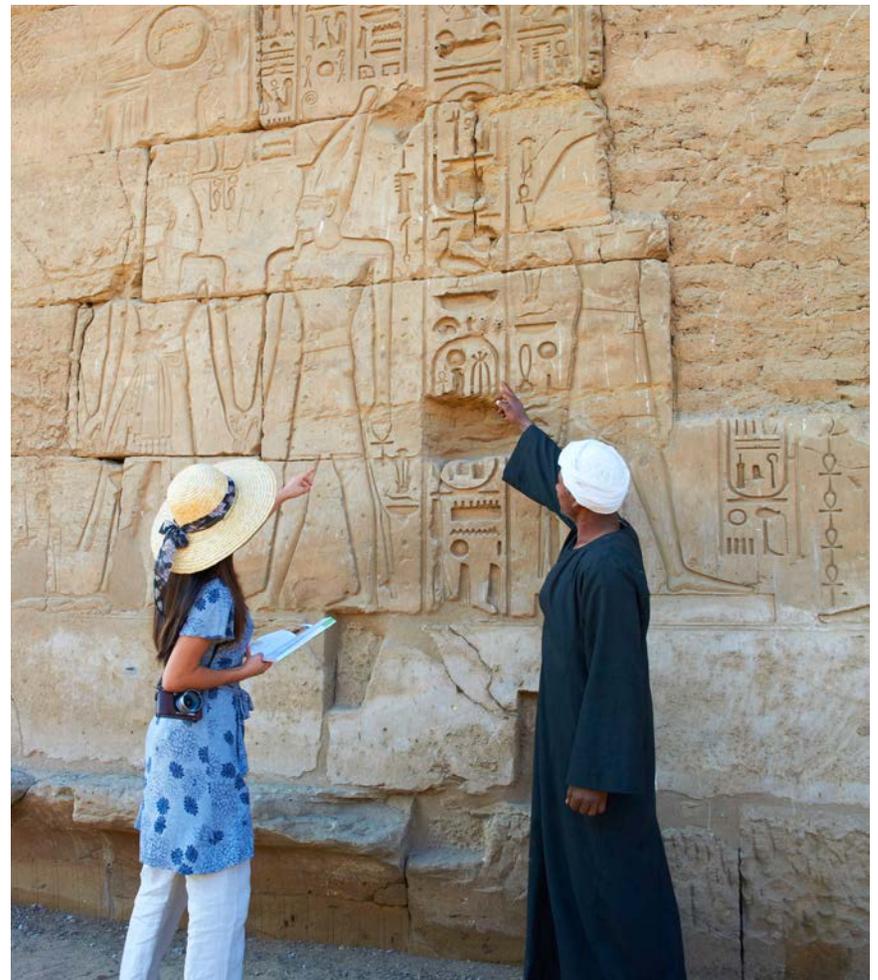
The Pyramids of Giza (GEE-zuh) are some of the tombs in Egypt.

The pharaohs had huge **pyramids** (PIHR-uh-midz) built.

These pyramids are **tombs** for the pharaohs.

Gold treasures were placed in the tombs.

Some of these treasures are in **museums** now.



Many people visit Egypt each year.

Conclusion

Egypt is an amazing country.

It is also a very old country.

Egypt has many important things to learn about.



Population: 86,895,099

Land: 995,450 sq km (622,272 sq. mi.)

Capital City: Cairo

Primary Language: Arabic

Currency: Egyptian Pound



Source: Central Intelligence Agency (July 2014), World Bank

Glossary

- delta** (*n.*) an area of land shaped like a triangle at the mouth of a river (p. 9)
- desert** (*n.*) an area of land that does not usually get much rain (p. 8)
- museums** (*n.*) buildings used to store and show things that are important to history, science, or art (p. 13)
- pharaohs** (*n.*) kings in ancient Egypt (p. 12)
- pyramids** (*n.*) a large building with three or more sides shaped like a triangle (p. 13)
- tombs** (*n.*) vaults, chambers, or graves for the dead (p. 13)