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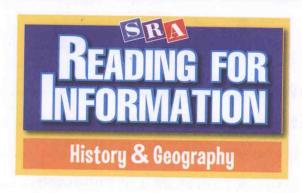
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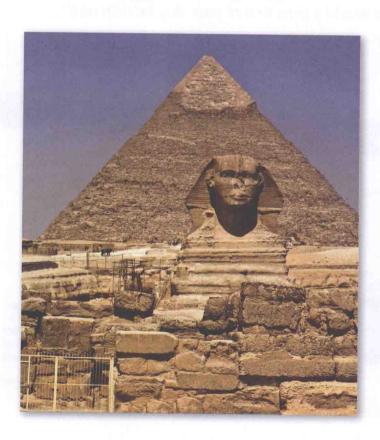
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# **Egypt Long Ago**



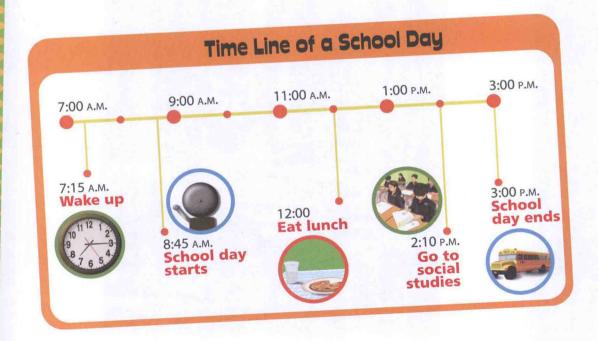
# Before You Read

Here are some things you can do to help you read for information.

## Features Time Lines

**Time lines** show when events took place and the order in which they occurred. Time lines are lines with marked measurements of time. Events are linked to points on the time line that show the dates, times, or periods in which they happened.

Look at the time line below. It shows what a school day might be like. How would a time line of your day be different?



## Structures Sequence

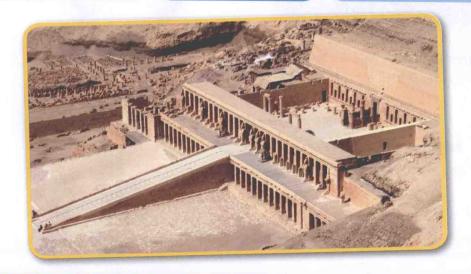
- When we study history, we often learn about events in the order in which they happened. This is called **sequence**.
- It is important to know the sequence of events so that we understand why things happened and how events are connected.
- A writer uses certain words to show that a sequence is being described. Some of these words include first, second, next, then, last, and finally.
- To help you remember the time order of what you read, you can draw a flowchart like the one below.

## Hatshepsut's Life

Hatshepsut marries a pharaoh.

Her husband dies and she becomes pharaoh.

She dies and her stepson becomes pharaoh.



## **R** Vocabulary Words to Know

**architecture** the art and science of planning and constructing buildings



The Colosseum is an example of the **architecture** of ancient Rome.

What might this collection of artifacts from Ancient Egypt tell you about that civilization?

.. **artifact** an object made by someone in the past



**emperor** male ruler of an empire

This is a statue of Augustus Caesar, the first **emperor** of Rome.



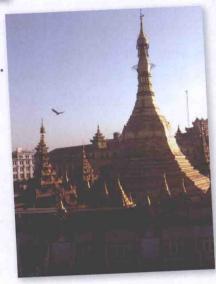


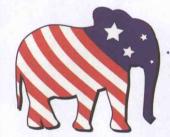
metropolis a large city, especially one that is an important center of commerce or culture

Alexandria, Egypt, is a modern **metropolis**.

**modernization** being brought up-to-date

The dome of the Sule Pagoda in Myanmar is being **modernized.** 





In U.S. **politics**, the donkey and the elephant are symbols of the political parties.



**politics** the affairs or activities of a government

History 5

# Egypt-Long Ago

# How Do We Learn about Ancient Civilizations?

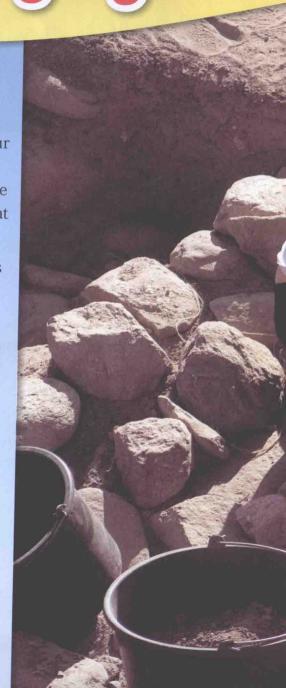
What would you do to find out about your ancestors? You could ask a parent or grandparent, but they might not have all the information you want. You could also look at old photographs and read old letters.

Archaeologists study ancient civilizations by looking at photos and letters and by reading old books and newspapers. They study **artifacts**, which are objects made by someone in the past. The artifacts are from the period they are studying. Artifacts include tools, weapons, dishes, scraps of clothing, art, and writing. Artifacts teach archaeologists what people did, what they ate, and even how they died.

## The Big Question

Why is it important to learn about ancient cultures?







# Life in Ancient Egypt

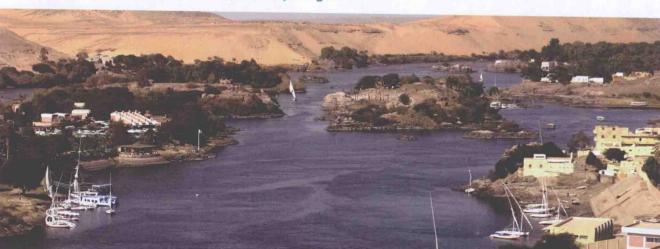
ometimes archaeologists travel to see buildings that played an important part in history. By studying ancient architecture, they can learn more about the people who lived there. **Architecture** is the art and science of planning and constructing buildings.

There are no ancient Egyptians alive today, so no one knows exactly what Egypt was like long ago. However, archaeologists study the artifacts that were left behind to learn about the culture. They work carefully to preserve as much as they can. Because of this, archaeologists have been able to learn what life was like in early Egypt.

## The Nile River

The Nile River was a very important resource for Egyptians. It was the main source of water in a very dry land. Each year the Nile flooded its banks. When this happened, it left a deposit of rich soil that made it possible to grow crops. The Nile provided water for drinking, traveling, cleaning, and making the mud bricks that many people used to build their homes.

The Nile River has been important to Egyptians since ancient times. Without it, people would not have had water to grow crops, take care of animals, or transport goods.



The Nile also allowed ancient Egyptians to water their crops. Many farmers used simple machines that took water from the Nile in buckets to the fields. In later times, the farmers cut channels that allowed water to flow out over the land

## **Everyday Life**

Egyptian farmers worked long, hot days in the fields. They paid for the land they used by giving crops to a noble or a priest. The farmers wore simple clothes and made their sandals from reeds. Most women spent their days making food and clothing. Other people worked to create things such as pottery, jewelry, and papyrus, a kind of paper. They also made glass objects, clothing, chariots, tools, and weapons.

## **Nobles**

Ancient Egyptian nobles lived very differently from the farmers and craftspeople. They had servants and lived in large homes. They wore fine clothes and jewelry. Many nobles owned large parcels of land. Servants took care of their animals and crops. The food they ate was of a much higher quality than the food the farmers had.

**✓** Comprehension If you lived in ancient Egypt, would you rather be a noble or a farmer? Why?



Archaeologists have discovered art that shows us what life was like for ancient Egyptians.