

The River Nile

Great cities like Memphis and Thebes were built beside the Nile. Without the waters of The River Nile Ancient Egypt would not have existed. Read on to find out more about the Nile.

Food and farming

Every year the Nile flooded and left behind rich dark soil on both sides to grow crops. Everything the farmers grew depended on the Nile. The Ancient Egyptians used the River for fishing, watering crops, collecting water and hunting.

Gods of the Nile

Hapi was the Nile God. The Ancient Egyptians believed that the tears of the goddess Isis made the Nile overflow. They celebrated this each year with a festival called The Night of The Drop. Sobek was the crocodile God.

Waters of the Nile.

Without the waters of The River Nile, Ancient Egypt wouldn't have existed. The Nile is formed from the White Nile which originates at Lake Victoria and the Blue Nile which originates at Lake Tana in Ethiopia. The Rivers meet in Sudan then go on their long journey northwards towards the sea. The White Nile is a lot bigger than the Blue Nile, because of losses along the way it only contributes about 15% to the combined Nile. The Blue Nile rising in Ethiopia contributes about 85% to the flow of the Nile that passes through Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea.

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