

## Egyptian Inferences Answer Key

1. **Evidence:** Farmers relied on the Nile's yearly floods.

- **Inference:** Agriculture and food supply in Egypt depended heavily on the Nile, so the river was essential for survival.

2. **Evidence:** Only scribes and priests could read and write.

- **Inference:** Education and literacy were limited, giving these groups high status and power.

3. **Evidence:** Pyramids were built to honor pharaohs.

- **Inference:** Pharaohs were seen as extremely important, possibly even god-like, in society.

4. **Evidence:** Tombs were filled with treasures for the afterlife.

- **Inference:** Egyptians strongly believed in life after death and thought material goods were necessary there.

**Reflection (Sample Answer):** Historians value artifacts because they reveal beliefs, customs, and daily life of the Egyptians, which cannot always be found in written records.

### Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to phrase inferences as complete thoughts, not single words.
- Accept variations that show logical connections between the evidence and the inference.
- This activity trains learners to connect **textual details** with **critical reasoning**, which strengthens deeper comprehension.