

Conclusion

The Legacy of Ancient Egypt

As the Nile was a gift to Egypt, so ancient Egypt was a gift to the modern world. There are many ways to appreciate this land and the legacy of the pharaohs. We marvel at the beauty of its art and architecture, its sacred writings, clothing, jewellery and furniture. Many Egyptian ideas related to the search for immortality, the concept of the soul, the role of the monarch and the bureaucracy continue to resonate in the modern world. And there are echoes of ancient Egypt in our fashions, food, art and architecture, as well as in the structure of government and religious practices.

Objective

To think about what the modern world has inherited from the ancient Egyptians.

Mystery

How have ideas, customs and attitudes from ancient times influenced the modern world?

Discussion and Research Projects

1. List the different ways ancient Egypt has influenced our modern way of life.
2. Organize a debate about life in ancient Egypt versus life today. Have one group argue that the ancient Egyptians had a better life than we do today and the other group argue the opposite.