

# The Nile Valley

**DIRECTIONS** The Nile River was important to the ancient Egyptians for many reasons. Use the terms from the box to complete the graphic organizer about agriculture and religion in ancient Egypt.

afterlife	stored	polytheistic
irrigation	fertile	order
government	natural events	

## How the Nile River Influenced the Egyptians

### Agriculture

The Nile River provided an important source of water for farming. The river's yearly flooding brought \_\_\_\_\_ soil, but it was unpredictable. To control the river, the Egyptians built \_\_\_\_\_ ditches. They also \_\_\_\_\_ water in ponds and pools. Over time, irrigation and farming were supervised by the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Religious Beliefs

The ancient Egyptians looked for \_\_\_\_\_ in their world. They created stories to explain \_\_\_\_\_. They formed a \_\_\_\_\_ religion, in which specific gods and goddesses controlled specific parts of nature. Because they believed that the sun was reborn each day, Egyptian people believed that they too would have an \_\_\_\_\_.

**DIRECTIONS** Write a short paragraph that tells how the Nile River also influenced trade, travel, and shipbuilding in ancient Egypt.

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