

# EGYPTIAN EXERCISES

## A - exercises

1. Look at a map of the world. Where is Egypt?
2. Describe what this country must have looked like 30,000 years ago.
3. What does it look like today?
4. What is the importance of the Nile River for Egypt?
5. Make a timeline of Egyptian history from 3,100 BCE until today and indicate clearly who ruled Egypt at these times.
6. Give some examples that show that ancient Egypt had a high level of civilization.
7. What did the world look like, according to the ancient Egyptians?
8. What happens to human beings when they die, according to the ancient Egyptians?
9. What is Ka? Explain this as best you can.
10. According to you, what is the most important god in Egyptian culture? Explain your answer.
11. To what extent do gods resemble humans? To what extent are they different?
12. Did Atum (or one of the other gods) expect that human being would be created? Explain. What is the task of human beings on earth?
13. What similarities do you see between the Egyptian creation myth and the creation myths of other cultures?

## B- exercises

Look at a few websites that deal with this culture and choose one or two that have images, sounds or text that you think are useful for preparing your presentation. Before your presentation write a summary or make a sketch of the Egyptian creation myth.

Choose one of the following exercises:

1. The ruling Pharaoh wants a grave in which his Ka will be safe. Design this grave and think about the decorations you would use. First explore (especially on the internet) what images were used in these graves and what gods played an important role.

or

2. Write down the Egyptian creation myth, either on some bark, papyrus or on a building (wall, obelisk, etc.). Use Egyptian symbols or symbols that look Egyptian, and images of the Gods.

## C- exercise

Create a "family tree" of the gods and for each god write down some key words that explain that particular god's contribution to creation.

