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Engineering an Empire: Egypt

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1. How do you think the Nile River helped Egypt’s prosperity (success)?

2. What were some of the ways Egyptians harnessed the power of the Nile?

3. What techniques did they use to develop their transportation system?

4. What powers did Egyptian kings and queens believe made them “divine”?

5. What were some examples of the challenges laborers faced in constructing Egypt’s monuments?

6. Egyptian engineers experienced failure. Give some examples of mistakes or failure engineers and workers encountered and the solutions they developed.

7. Why were the pharaohs’ tombs so significant in ancient Egypt?

8. What were some of the hallmarks and notable characteristics of Egyptian tombs?

9. What messages do you think the Egyptians wanted to send to their enemies, to their gods, and to the generations that followed them through their grand monuments?