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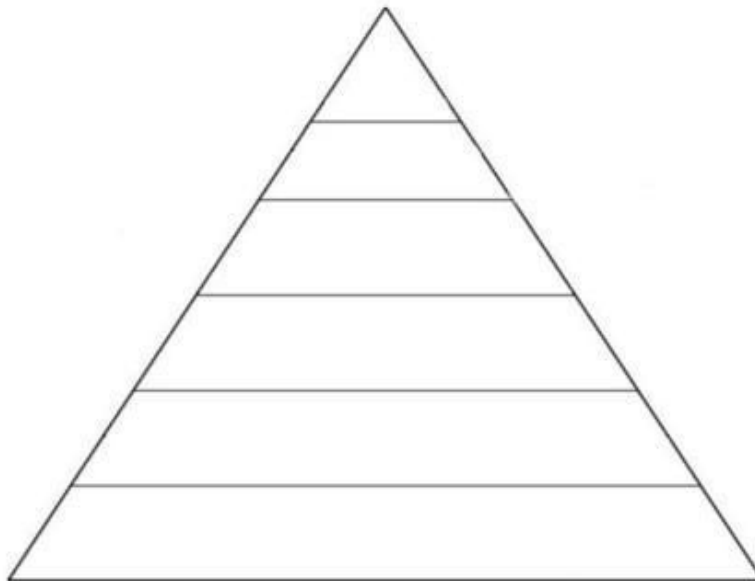
HISTORY ALIVE! Daily Life in Ancient Egypt Focus Questions

9.1 Introduction

Each year when the Nile river flooded, the Opet Festival brought the people of Egypt together. Describe how each social class participated in the great festival.

9.2 Ancient Egypt's Social Pyramid

Fill in the social pyramid.



Why were the priests and government officials the most powerful groups in Egyptian society?

How were the roles of men and women different within the family?

Women in ancient Egypt enjoyed more freedom and rights than women in other parts of the ancient world. List 3 of these rights and freedoms.

9.3 Government Officials

Who were the three important government officials? Explain the duties of each.

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What were some of the items served at banquets for the wealthy?

9.4 Priests

Egyptian temples were home to the Egyptian gods- each of whom was thought to live in a statue housed in the sanctuary. What did a priest need to do before entering the sanctuary?

9.5 Scribes

Why do you think scribes were so highly respected in Egyptian society?

9.6 Artisans

Describe what a typical house looked like for most artisans.

9.6 – Peasants

Compare the life of a government official with the life of a peasant.