

Thursday 2nd April

Task 1

Use the internet, information books or draw on your own knowledge about the River Nile to complete the table below.

You need to research the importance of each aspect of the River Nile, and find out why each aspect was important then (during life in ancient Egypt) and why it is important now.

You can complete the table on the sheet or use paper to draw your own.

River Nile

The River Nile is the longest river in the world at around 6670km (4160 miles) in length. The ancient Egyptians lived and farmed along the Nile because it created a fertile valley across what is otherwise desert. They were able to grow crops in the fertile soil at the banks of the river.

In the Value box, write down why each of these uses of the River Nile was important. An example has been provided for you. Then compare how important each aspect was in ancient Egypt, with how important it is in Egypt now. For example, is the Nile still the main way Egyptian people get around or are they more likely to use other methods of transport? You might need to use the Internet or project books about Egypt to help you find all the information you will need to fill in the table.

Function	Value	Then	Now
Used as a water source			
Inundation (flooding)			
Communication			
Transport	The Nile was a natural highway for transporting goods, by boat and raft and that most of the major cities were located on the banks of the Nile.	Egyptians used this rather than roads as their main form of transport.	
Natural Barrier			
Food Source			