

Ancient Egypt Curriculum-Based Readers Theatre Script
(Travel Agency)

- 1: Good Morning Travelers!
[All wave]
- 2: Thank you for booking a tour with...
- All: African Airlines [Airplane sound and hand flying gesture]
- 1: Where our motto is-
- All: Past, present, or future we'll get you there! [gesture with arm swing] [sound effect- dideledoot, dideledoot]
- 2: Today's destination is-
- All: Ancient Egypt [sound effect- "Walk like an Egyptian" song]
- 3: Home of King Tutankhamun
- 4: Or King Tut for short!
- 1: Yes, sit back relax and get ready to see Mummies!
- 3: Mommies?
- 4: No [sound effect groan],
MUMMIES! [gesture hands across chest]
- 2: Hey, are we going to see pyramids?
[gesture with hands above head making triangle]
- All: Yes!
- 4: Did you know that pyramids were used to store the bodies of Pharaohs after they had died?
- 2: Yes, I heard they were buried with gold-
- 1: Jewels [sound effect *cha-ching*]
- 2: weapons-
- 3: boats to sail across the river in the afterlife [gesture]
- 4: Some pyramids were built near the famous river of Egypt-
- All: THE NILE! [sound effect- water]
- 1: That's one of the-
- 2: Longest [sound effect WOW!]
- 3: rivers [sound effect water]
- 4: in the-
- All: World! [gesture- circle hands in front of body to show earth]
- 1: Reeds grow along the Nile [gesture]
- 3: Every year the Nile floods
- 2: and brings nutrients to the soil
[sound effect-Mmmmmm]
- 4: creating fertile land!
- 1: Fertile land is great for growing crops.
- 4: Did you pack shorts and t-shirts?
- 2: Yes, because it is-
- 3: Hot and [gesture fan your face]
- 1: Dry! [sound effect- Phewwww]
- 4: Egyptians used a written language
- All: Hieroglyphics [gesture – make an X across body with arms]
- 3: Is that the writing that shows pictures and symbols for words?
- 4: Yes!
- 1: We all know about *those* things but did the Egyptians invent anything that was useful?
- 2: Are you kidding? [gesture]
- 3: They invented the 365 day calendar! [sound effect]
- 1: Of course, we still use that today in school!
- 3: They also invented the water clock
- 1: That is one of the oldest ways we know of that people used to keep track of time!
- 4: This is similar to our watches and clocks today-
- 2: Well, they also invented other cool things-
- 3: like something to write on!
[gesture –writing]
- All: Papyrus! [sound effect]
- 2: Papyrus came from the *Papyrus Plant* which was found growing along the Nile River. [sound]
- 3: It is incredible and lasted so long that some writing still exists today! [sound effect WOW!]
- 1: It really sounds like the Egyptians were pretty cool dudes with great ideas!
- 2: They sure could build things that last!
- 3: They sure could build things that were useful! [sound effect]
- All: They really are an important part of our history!