

Egypt Map Clues

Use continent, river, and sea clues to locate ancient Egypt.

3.4.a "locating ancient Egypt on a map of the world;"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the two sentences that begin "On a world map" and "Egypt was near." Circle these four map clues: Africa, Nile River, Mediterranean Sea, and Red Sea.

Finding Ancient Egypt

- ① Ancient Egypt was a civilization in northeastern Africa. On a world map, find Africa first. Egypt was near Africa's northeastern corner, beside the Nile River. The Nile carried water through the land. People built many towns and farms along its banks. This river helps you narrow your search on a map instead of looking across the whole continent.
- ② Ancient Egypt also had water clues around it. The Mediterranean Sea was north of Egypt. The Red Sea was east of Egypt. These seas help you check the place you chose in Africa. Europe is across the Mediterranean Sea to the north. Asia is across the Red Sea to the east. Most of ancient Egypt was in Africa, close to both other continents.
- ③ Map readers use more than one clue. Start with the continent, Africa. Next, move to its northeastern area. Then look for the long Nile River and the two nearby seas. When all of these clues match, you have located ancient Egypt. Its land was along the Nile, so it was not spread over all of Africa. Careful map readers check each clue before marking a place.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What continent should you find first to locate ancient Egypt on a world map?

2 In what part of Africa was ancient Egypt located?

3 What river should you look for near ancient Egypt?

4 Name the sea north of Egypt and the sea east of Egypt.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Use the world map your teacher provides. Put a dot on ancient Egypt, label it Egypt, and write one sentence naming two clues you used to place the dot.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the two sentences that begin "On a world map" and "Egypt was near." Circle these four map clues: Africa, Nile River, Mediterranean Sea, and Red Sea. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What continent should you find first to locate ancient Egypt on a world map?	Africa
2	In what part of Africa was ancient Egypt located?	Northeastern Africa.
3	What river should you look for near ancient Egypt?	The Nile River.
4	Name the sea north of Egypt and the sea east of Egypt.	The Mediterranean Sea was north of Egypt, and the Red Sea was east of Egypt.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I marked a dot labeled Egypt in northeastern Africa, using Africa and the Nile River as clues.

Accept a dot and label in northeastern Africa, near the Nile River. The written sentence should name any two accurate passage clues, such as Africa, northeastern Africa, the Nile River, the Mediterranean Sea, or the Red Sea.