

# What are GRAPES?

GRAPES is an acronym. An acronym is a word that stands for something. GRAPES stands for Geography, religion, achievements, political system, economics, and social structure.

**Geography:** is defined as the study of what land looks like and what the weather is like. Is the weather extremely hot/cold? Are there hills? Is it flat? Volcanos? Mountains? Rivers? Lakes? Geography is also asking how the people adapt to their surroundings. How are they able to live there?

**Religion:** What do the people believe in? Do they believe in a god? Multiple gods? What are their feelings about the afterlife? What is their creation story?

**Achievements:** What amazing things have these people invent, build, create, or discover? How are they useful

**Political system:** Who is the leader? How is the leader chosen? Is the leader the only one with power? How does the leader rule its people?

**Economics:** Think wealth...what do they trade with other civilizations? Is there another way they gain wealth? (through conquest?).

**Social Structure:** What are the different levels/classes of society? Do men lead the family or women?

## GRAPES of Egypt

G- There is a hot climate. Sand dominates the landscape and there is little rainfall. There is an important water source: the Nile River. Floods provided rich soil to grow crops.

R- The Egyptians believe in many gods. They believe there is a life after death. The Book of the Dead gives the spells for what is to take place.

A- They were great builders. They built the great pyramids that still stand today. These were temples to their leaders

P- Egypt was ruled by pharaohs. These leaders were not chosen by people, but were more like kings and queens. They were worshipped as gods and they ruled over the people.

E- They traded grain, fish, limestone, quartz, and granite with their neighbors.

S- There was the pharaohs family and those close to him or her. There were also priests that were equal to them. Below the priests and nobles were craftsmen. At the bottom of society was the slaves and farmers.