



Hands up if you'd like to Live in Ancient Egypt!

Ancient Egypt was home to a civilisation that lasted more than 3000 years. Surprisingly, many things we use every day were invented by the Ancient Egyptians such as toothpaste, black ink, locks, keys and even the first writing system! Scientists have learned about life during ancient Egyptian times by studying paintings, hieroglyphics, stone carvings and the contents of tombs. 'Who would like to live in Ancient Egypt?' is a good question. Fortunately for us, two children were happy to give us their opinions.

"Without a doubt, I'd jump at the chance to live in ancient Egypt, so I could find out how the pyramids were built! Amazingly, the Great Pyramid of Giza is over 130m tall! Even though many people have tried, no-one has ever figured how the ancient Egyptians managed to build it.

I love animals, so ancient Egypt would be a great place for me to live. Because they were sacred animals, I'd be able to have lots of cats. Also, I could watch wild hippos and crocodiles in the Nile every day.



Also, ancient Egypt seems like a very glamorous time and place to live. When considering the jewellery, elegant clothing, bright make-up, and houses with pools, ancient Egypt definitely looks like somewhere I'd like to be." **Sarah, Bradford**

"In my opinion, day to day life in ancient Egypt was difficult and dirty. Poor people lived in one room with their whole family. Worse than that, they had to poo in a bucket then empty it into the street.

Because I enjoy going to school, I wouldn't choose to live in ancient Egypt. Most young people had to spend their time looking after animals, working in the fields or making clothing. Sadly, children weren't always treated very well. For example, the average peasant girl had to get married by the time she was twelve. Also, many children had to wash in the Nile.



Most ancient Egyptians had terrible teeth because their bread had so much sand in it. Also, ashes, eggshells and ox hooves were all ingredients in ancient Egyptian toothpaste!" **Sandeep, Cheltenham**

In conclusion, ancient Egypt might seem an exciting place to live however daily life was often uncomfortable and unpleasant. Although the wealthy Egyptians had good lives, the poor people lived very hard lives. I think that many people might enjoy visiting ancient Egypt, but most people wouldn't enjoy living there unless they were very rich.

