

Daily Reading: Ancient Egypt 2

The **video** focuses on helping children to ask their own questions to help them make sense of a text. Children watch the video relating to Chapter 2 of 'The Story of Osiris'. They may choose to answer the questions on their activity sheet, they could think about the answers, or you may prefer to talk about them together. If they want to write down their answers, they can pause the video to give them time to write. Answers or example answers are included below. There are also some questions they may wish to answer at the end of the video. It will be useful for them to have the eBook in front of them (included in this pack) to find the answers to these questions.

Watch Video



Chapter 2

During the Video



1. Write down one question of your own about this section of text from 'Gods and humans...' on the bottom of page 4 to when Isis says, "It could well be the box for you!" at the top of page 5.

Children's own responses. Example answers include:

- **Did gods and humans live together in ancient Egyptian myths?**
 - **Why did humans go first?**
 - **Why did Seth leave asking Osiris for quite a while?**
 - **Was it Isis who convinced him to have a turn?**
 - **Could Isis possibly be in on the plot?**
2. Write down your own question (or more than one question if you like) which helps you to make sense of the text from, 'The people gathered and cheered..' through to the bottom of page 5.

Children's own responses. Example answers include:

- **Why does he have a snake-shaped crook?**
 - **Why does he give a playful smile to the crowd? Is it showing what a good laugh he is?**
 - **Why did Isis drop the crook?**
 - **What is her priority?**
 - **Why was it Seth himself who tipped the chest in?**
3. Can you ask a question (or more than one if you would like to) about the section of text from the top of page 6 to 'utterly exhausted'?

Children's own responses. Example answers include:

- **Did she always wear elaborate makeup or was it for the party?**
- **What did the people Isis met say to her?**
- **Why did she have to beg locals as surely they did what she asked straight away?**
- **Will she give up soon?**
- **How long before her baby is born?**
- **Where is she sleeping at night?**
- **How is Isis feeling at this point in the story?**

After the Video



4. Why did so many gods and humans join in with the game? (p.4-5)
They were all keen to win such a beautiful and intricate prize.
5. How did everyone initially react when Osiris fitted in the chest? (p.5)
They clapped enthusiastically.
6. How did most people at the party react when they saw Osiris sealed in the chest? (p.5)
They stood aghast, many frozen to the spot with shock.
7. Why didn't Isis fall to the ground and weep when the chest was thrown into the river Nile? (p.5-6)
She knew her priority had to be to follow the current and find her husband.
8. Why didn't the people rise up against Seth?
They were too scared to do so because he gave out gruesome and unjust punishments.

Deeper Reading



9. Write a question you could ask about the final paragraph of this chapter which might help you to make sense of the text. Can you answer or partly answer your own question?
Children's own responses. Example answer: Why did Seth refuse to go to Ra? I think he refused because he felt he was in charge and did not even have to answer to the ruler of the gods anymore.
10. If you could ask Isis two questions at this point in the story, what would those questions be?
Example answers:
Did you ever suspect that Seth was capable of the things he has done?
How do you feel at the end of each day when you don't find the chest?

Related Activity



Each day, an English activity relating to the part of the story covered will be provided. These worksheets have activities of increasing difficulty to complete with a Part A, a Part B and an additional challenge. For these worksheets, your child might decide to complete Part A only, to start at Part B or to complete all parts of the worksheet. Answers are provided below.

Activity Related for Chapter 2: At the Party! Activity Sheet

In Part A, children are asked to answer questions about their thoughts and feelings as if they were a guest at the party. In Part B, the task is to write about the party, taking on the voice of someone who works for Seth. There is an additional challenge to write a diary entry from the point of view of someone who met Isis on the banks of the Nile. This activity sheet can be viewed on the screen and completed on paper if you don't have a printer available.

Answers



Part A

Example Answers

1. What sort of things do you think that the guests were doing at the start of the party?
They were eating, drinking and listening to music.
2. What might a guest at the party be thinking at the start of the party? Write the thoughts of one of the guests on the line below.
This is a brilliant party. I'm really enjoying myself and the food is delicious.
3. How might a guest at the party be feeling at the start of the party? Write down some words to describe how they might be feeling below.
relaxed, happy, excited
4. What do you think the guests thought to themselves when they first saw the chest? Write down their thoughts below.
Wow. That is so beautiful. There is much gold there and the detail is amazing!
5. How did the guests feel when Osiris walked over to have a turn at getting in the chest?
excited, amused
6. How did the guests feel when they saw Seth seal Osiris inside the chest?
shocked, horrified
7. Write down a question that you would like to ask Seth at the end of the party.
What was your favourite moment of the party?

Part B

Example answer:

Seth had prepared us for the party and we knew what we had to do. None of us were very happy about it but we have to do what Seth says. He's our boss. When the guests arrived at the party, they were really excited. They were drinking, eating, dancing and enjoying the music. We have many parties here and at this point in the night, it felt no different than usual.

My heart started to beat a little faster as Seth took centre stage and introduced his 'party game'. My friends and I carried in the glorious chest. There was a gasp as all the guests took in the beauty of it. Everyone seemed to think it was a very amusing game and Seth had many people volunteer to take part. He and Isis needed to give Osiris a little encouragement to have a go, but he soon agreed.

The most horrible moment of the night for me was when we saw Seth grab the lid and push it down on his poor brother inside. I feel so bad that I was a part of this dreadful crime. As soon as the lid was sealed, we ran to the chest and, on Seth's command, we carried it to the riverbank. The chest was heavy before but with a person inside it was very heavy indeed. Fortunately, there were many of us carrying it together. I shall never forget the look of hatred and delight on Seth's face as he tipped the chest into the Nile.

Challenge Task

Example answer:

Today was an extremely memorable day for me because today I met great Queen Isis. I was walking by the banks of the Nile when she came up to me and begged me to enter the water, to dive down and to let her know if there was any sign of a chest in the river. I had heard about the chest of which she spoke though I wasn't sure if this was really true. I am sad to say now that it is indeed true and Seth, the new pharaoh, has done a great wrong and is not our true leader.

Isis was as beautiful as everyone says she is. Even with her makeup smeared and in her exhausted state, she was a fine sight to see. I eagerly agreed to swim and dive and search for the box. It made me so very sad to tell her when my search yielded no reward. I would have loved to have found the chest for our fine queen. She thanked me graciously for trying when I told her and a tear fell down her cheek.