



Egypt's Pyramids: Land of the Pharaohs

You are a geographer or a geologist who has flown to Egypt to see the place where one of the seven wonders of the world is found: the ancient pyramids. You will find the location of the pyramids on a map, look at the land around the pyramids, the weather, and the kinds of natural objects found there to provide clues as to how and why these monuments were built. Below are the places you will visit for a virtual trip to uncover your clues.

World map from Xpeditions

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/atlas/>

Country map, Odyssey Online

<http://www.carlos.emory.edu/ODYSSEY/EGYPT/nilemap.html>

Geography, Land conditions, maps

Ancient Egypt, British Museum

<http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/geography/home.html>

Nova Pyramids

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/pyramid/explore/age.html>

| Geography and Geology | Facts and Source |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Continent | |
| Country | |
| Location | |
| Climate | |
| Soil condition | |
| Bodies of water | |
| Natural rocks and minerals | |
| Other elements or conditions found | |

1. What about the land made it an ideal place for building pyramids?

2. What were some of the challenges or problems ancient Egyptians faced in building pyramids here?
