Egypt was the longest-lived civilization in the ancient world. Their ancient culture along the Nile River in northeastern Africa began about 3,300 BC and thrived for over 3,000 years. Seasonal rains in the southern highlands inundated the Nile every year causing the river to overflow its banks. When the floodwaters receded, a layer of rich black topsoil covered the flood plain. This condition enabled the Egyptians to develop a successful farming economy.

Use the dictionary. Look up the two highlighted words. Write each word and its definition.

1. _______________________________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

2. _______________________________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

The Ancient Egyptian culture thrived for over 3,000 years, making it the ____________________________ in the ancient world.

Why were the Ancient Egyptians able to develop a successful farming economy?
Other natural factors contributed to ancient Egypt's rise to a great empire in the Nile region. The region's climate provided a relatively cloudless sky where the sun consistently provided heat and light almost every day. The Nile River served as a transportation highway and provided life-giving fresh water that sustained both plant and animals. Surrounding natural barriers provided protection for the people; a vast desert to the west, seas to the north and east, and the upper rapids or cataracts of the Nile prevented hostile attacks from the south.

Use the dictionary. Look up the two highlighted words. Write each word and its definition.

1. ____________________________

2. ____________________________

Name three natural factors that contributed to ancient Egypt’s rise to a great empire:

1. ____________________________

2. ____________________________

3. ____________________________

Desert, seas, and rapids (cataracts) are all examples of ____________________________ that provided protection for the Egyptian people.

Washington State : I-5 State Freeway :: Ancient Egypt : ____________________________
In this location a sophisticated and creative society developed, the only one in the area to *endure* for thousands of years. The Egyptians developed principles of architecture, mathematics, and construction, enabling them to construct large stone buildings as early as 2,500 BC. Their enduring artwork in sculpture, painting, and drawing still *captivates* today's viewers. Egyptians studied medicine and dentistry. They processed thin, flat paper like sheets from *papyrus* on which they wrote their texts. They developed a written script of *hieroglyphs*, a form of picture writing. Egyptians also originated many basic arithmetic and geometry concepts. Egypt became a major power in the ancient world, dominating the region until their conquest by Romans.

The ancient Egyptians made enduring contributions to the world in many areas:

1.  
2.  
3.  
4.  
5.  
6.  

Use the dictionary. Look up the two highlighted words. Write each word and its definition.

1.  
2.  

________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________