



# CHAPTER 10: EGYPT AND CLEOPATRA

## Egypt and Rome

1. When did Egypt become a Roman province and why was it an important part of Rome's empire?

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### Consider Figure 10.2: Section of a mosaic showing the river Nile

- What does this mosaic suggest about the Romans' interest in and beliefs about Ancient Egypt?

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## Ancient Egypt

2. When did the civilisations of Ancient Egypt begin? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What was the name given to the rulers of Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

## Alexander, Alexandria and the Ptolemaic dynasty

4. Who was Alexander the Great, and why is he famous? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Detail three things about Alexandria which made it famous across the ancient world.

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6. The Ptolemaic Dynasty ruled Egypt from 305 - 30 BC. Explain how this dynasty got its name.

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### **Cleopatra**

7. Who was Cleopatra and what do we know about her talents and attributes? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Why did Cleopatra have to flee from Egypt in 48 BC? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Cleopatra and Julius Caesar**

9. Why did Julius Caesar choose to support Cleopatra rather than her brother Ptolemy? Give two reasons.

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10. Who was Caesarion? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cleopatra and Mark Antony**

11. Why did Cleopatra have to flee Rome after Caesar's death in 44 BC? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Why and how did she meet Mark Antony? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. What happened after Cleopatra met Antony? \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Battle of Actium**

14. When and where was the Battle of Actium? Who fought on the opposing sides? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cleopatra's death**

15. Why did Cleopatra kill herself? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Consider Figure 10.6: The death of Cleopatra**

- Which emotions do you think this painting evokes in its audience? Explain your answer with reference to the details from the painting.

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