**Unit 3 DBQ (Document-Based Question)**

**Directions (what you’re supposed to do):**

Answer the question below by analyzing the three documents below and discussing **each of them** in your essay.

**Historical Context (what it’s all about):**

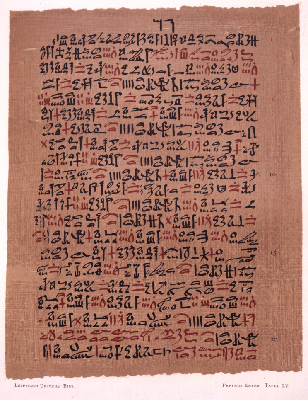
Ancient Egypt was one of the earliest (first) civilizations, and it survived for thousands of years! Several factors helped Egypt become such a successful civilization. The documents below illustrate some of these factors.

**Question (what you’re supposed to answer in your essay):**

Why did Egyptian civilization thrive (grow) so successfully?

**Document 1 (Doc. 1):**

This is papyrus, an ancient Egyptian invention that was similar to paper but thicker and heavier. It was made from a papyrus plant. The hieroglyphs on this page describe medical records, but papyrus and hieroglyphs were used for many other purposes too.



**S**ubject: What is it about?

**O**ccasion: When and where was it created?

**A**udience: Who was it created for?

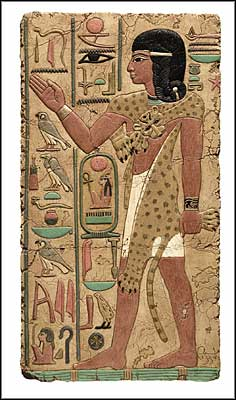
**P**urpose: Why was it created?

**S**peaker: Who created it?

What does this source show about the significance (importance) of this invention to the civilization?

**Document 2 (Doc. 2):**

This is a stone tablet that was found in an ancient temple. The hieroglyphics next to this priest explain his role in Egyptian society.



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**O**ccasion: When and where was it created?

**A**udience: Who was it created for?

**P**urpose: Why was it created?

**S**peaker: Who created it?

What does this source show about the significance (importance) of this person to the civilization?

**Document 3 (Doc. 3):**

Parsons, Maria. *The Nile River*. InterCity Oz,Inc. 2003. Retrieved from http://touregypt.net/magazine/mag05012001/magf4a.htm

**The Nile River**

Herodotus, (450 BCE) the great Greek philosopher, wrote of the Nile: "the river rises of itself, waters the fields, and then sinks back again; thereupon each man sows his field and waits for the harvest." The great historian also called Egypt the gift of the Nile. According to Herodotus, the Nile Delta was also connected to a sea-trading system.

**S**ubject: What is it about?

**O**ccasion: When and where was it created?

**A**udience: Who was it created for?

**P**urpose: Why was it created?

**S**peaker: Who created it?

What does this source show about the significance (importance) of the river to the civilization?