



## GUIDE TO READING NOTES9

Read Sections 9.3–9.7 in *History Alive! The Ancient World*. For each section, write four things you learned about daily life for the members of that social class.

*Possible answers:*

### 9.3 Government Officials

- *The vizier served as chief judge, appointed and supervised other officials, and advised the pharaoh.*
- *The chief treasurer collected taxes in the form of such things as grain, cows, and beer.*
- *The general of the armies advised the pharaoh on protecting Egypt from invaders and helped make alliances.*
- *Government officials lived a life of luxury, including banquets with exotic foods and entertainment.*

Pharaoh

### 9.4 Priests

- *Priests followed many rules, such as bathing several times a day.*
- *Priests had different jobs, such as advising the*

### 9.5 Scribes

- *Becoming a scribe was one of the few ways men could rise to a higher social class.*
- *Students spent 12 years or more in the scribe schools.*

### 9.6 Artisans

- *Egyptian artisans included carpenters, jewelers, leatherworkers, and metalworkers, painters, potters, sculptors, and weavers.*
- *Artisans rarely received recognition from the upper class for their work.*

### 9.7 Peasants

- *Peasant life revolved around three seasons: flooding season, planting season, and harvest season.*
- *Peasants often sang songs to help pass the long hours working in the fields.*



*pharaoh and supervising ceremonies.*

- *Priests oversaw the important task of embalming dead bodies.*

- *Life in scribe schools was difficult, and teachers often beat their students.*
- *Scribes used pens made from reeds, paper made from papyrus, writing tablets, and two ink wells.*

- *Stone carving was difficult work because artisans worked with hard rock such as granite.*
- *Artisans and their families lived in modest, rectangular homes that were barely 10 yards long.*

- *The diet of peasants was simple: bread, beer, some vegetables, and maybe fish.*
- *During harvesttime, peasants were allowed to gather and keep leftover grain, but they also could be beaten if they had a poor harvest.*