

# Daily Reading: Ancient Egypt 3

The **video** focuses on retrieving information from a text and helping children to identify some features of a myth. Children watch the video relating to Chapter 3 of 'The Story of Osiris'. They may choose to answer the questions on their activity sheet, they could think about the answers, or you may prefer to talk about them together. If they want to write down their answers, they can pause the video to give them time to write. Answers or example answers are included below. There are also some questions they may wish to answer at the end of the video. It will be useful for them to have the eBook in front of them (included in this pack) to find the answers to these questions.

Watch Video



## Chapter 3

### During the Video



1. How long did it take to remove the lid of the chest? (p.7)

**It took hours to remove the lid.**

2. Why was Seth angry? (p.7)

**Seth was angry because he had failed to remove Osiris from view and memory.**

3. Give me two facts about Anubis. (p.8)

**Answers include:**

- **He was a highly skilled embalmer.**
- **He was known as a protector of the dead.**
- **He was a good friend of Isis.**
- **He had the head of a jackal.**

4. Why did the ancient Egyptians believe that the banks of the Nile flooded? (p.9)

**They believed it was in remembrance of the many tears Isis cried when she was searching for the chest with Osiris inside.**

5. Can you choose two of these features of a myth which you think can be found in 'The Story of Osiris' and explain how this feature is included? (You can give details of more than two features if you wish, but you only need to do two.)

Features of a Myth A myth...	If 'The Story of Osiris' has this feature, explain how this feature is included.
includes a setting in the distant past;	<b>This story is set in ancient Egypt.</b>
includes mortal and immortal characters, including nymphs, mythical beasts or monsters;	<b>There are gods in the story and they have unusual features, e.g. Anubis has the head of a jackal.</b>

includes a hero or heroine;	<b>Isis is a heroine. She fights against the evil of Seth. Another hero in the story could be Osiris because he is a good pharaoh and then a god.</b>
includes heavens or an underworld;	<b>Osiris passes into the afterlife and becomes a god of the dead.</b>
includes an explanation of how something started;	<b>At the end of the story, it explains that subsequent pharaohs carried a crook in remembrance of Osiris. It also says that some believed that the flooding of the Nile was to remember the floods of tears shed by Isis.</b>
provides a long story with many different parts to the plot.	<b>It is a long story. The story is not over when Isis discovers the box because she then has to recover all the parts of his body so they can be embalmed after Seth scatters them. The story also continues after the end of this eBook because there are years of fighting between Horus and Seth after this.</b>

## After the Video



6. How did Isis finally manage to remove the lid from the chest? (p.7)  
**Isis found a group of local people to help her.**
7. How did Seth know where to find Isis and the chest? (p.7)  
**Seth had spies everywhere in Egypt. Once he was in the right area, he threatened locals with their lives and they told him where to find her.**
8. Why did Isis travel all over Egypt to retrieve the parts of her husband's body? (p.8)  
**She wanted to give Osiris a proper burial.**
9. What two words or phrases on page 8 tell you about how Ra felt when he found out that Seth had killed Osiris?  
**The word 'distraught' and the clause 'his rage with Seth was now immeasurable' tell me how Ra felt about what Seth had done.**
10. Why did Horus kill Seth?  
**Horus killed Seth to avenge his father's death.**

## Deeper Reading



11. Can you name another story you have read which is in some way similar to 'The Story of Osiris' and say why it is similar?  
**Children's own responses. Answers should include a reason. Example answer: In some ways, this story is similar to the story of 'Snow White' because the stepmother plots to kill Snow White due to jealousy in the same way that Seth plots to kill Osiris.**

## Related Activity



Each day, an English activity relating to the part of the story covered will be provided.

### **Activity: Book Review Activity Sheet**

Children reflect back on their reading of 'The Story of Osiris' and answer the questions set out on the book review. A challenge question is also included. This activity sheet can be viewed on the screen and completed on paper if you don't have a printer available.