Egypt’s Legacy:

One of the great achievements of Egyptian culture was its legacy. For over two thousand years, Egypt remained a dominant political and cultural force in the near East. In fact, its influence spread throughout the Mediterranean, helping to shape, first, Minoan culture and, later the culture of mainland Greece.

As one of the world’s first civilizations and one of the earliest powers to dominate the eastern Mediterranean, Egypt played a critical role in the development of the Near East.

Although conservative, the ancient Egyptians made significant advances in many fields, including art, architecture, and technology. In the end, although we may marvel at the pyramids and be intrigued by the tombs and treasures of the pharaohs, we must not lose sight of the ancient Egyptians as a people. They had a rich and vibrant society whose customs and traditions reflected their dependence on nature and their optimistic view of the afterlife.