**Map Activity – Geography and Landscape**

Did you know that many places had different names in the past? Look at this map of Egypt, it shows both the ancient and modern names of some of the most important towns and cities from ancient times and today.



**Questions**

Use the four points of the compass (that look like a star) on the map to answer the following questions. Remember: N stands for North, E stands for East, S stands for South and W stands for West.

**1 . What direction does the river travel through Egypt? Circle the right answer**

South to North East to West

**2. Which side of the river are the following places and what are their modern names?**

Akhetaten is on the ……………………….. its modern name is………………………………

Thebes is on the ……………………….. its modern name is………………………………

Memphis is on the ……………………….. its modern name is………………………………

Abu is on the ……………………….. its modern name is………………………………

For the next few questions, you might need to do your own research. An atlas will help!

**3. What is the river in Egypt called?**

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**4. All rivers flow from a ‘source’ – a place where the water first collects or comes out of the ground (like a like or a natural spring) – to the sea or the ocean. Which lake does the river in Egypt that you’ve named above flow from? Which country is this lake in (clue: it is not in Egypt!)?**

The lake is called………………………………. and it is in the country of …………………….

**5. What is the sea called that the river in Egypt flows into?**

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**6. Why might is have been useful to live near a river in Ancient Egypt and why might is be good to live near a river today? You might also want to look at our Landscape ‘Spot the Difference’ to get some ideas!**

It would have been useful to live near a river in Ancient Egypt because

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It would be good to live near a river today because ……………………………………………….. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………