Purpose: Our purpose in this seminar is to begin to appreciate the way Ancient Egypt functioned — politically, culturally, and in everyday life.

Description: Ancient Egypt was one of the world’s oldest and most advanced civilizations. For almost 30 centuries—from its unification around 3100 B.C. to its conquest by Alexander the Great in 332 B.C.E.—ancient Egypt was the preeminent civilization in the Mediterranean world.

This seminar will look at some of its most interesting and important leaders, its magnificent temples and pyramids, its art and literature as well as the way ordinary people lived their lives.

Role of participants: The role of the participants is to read the recommended text, prepare a 30- to 40-minute presentation and lead discussion on one aspect of the subject.

Resources: Red Land, Black Land: Daily Life in Ancient Egypt by Barbara Mertz, plus some internet articles that I will provide.

About the Moderator: Jim Harvey has moderated over 30 5CLIR seminars, a number of them about ancient civilizations and other cultures.