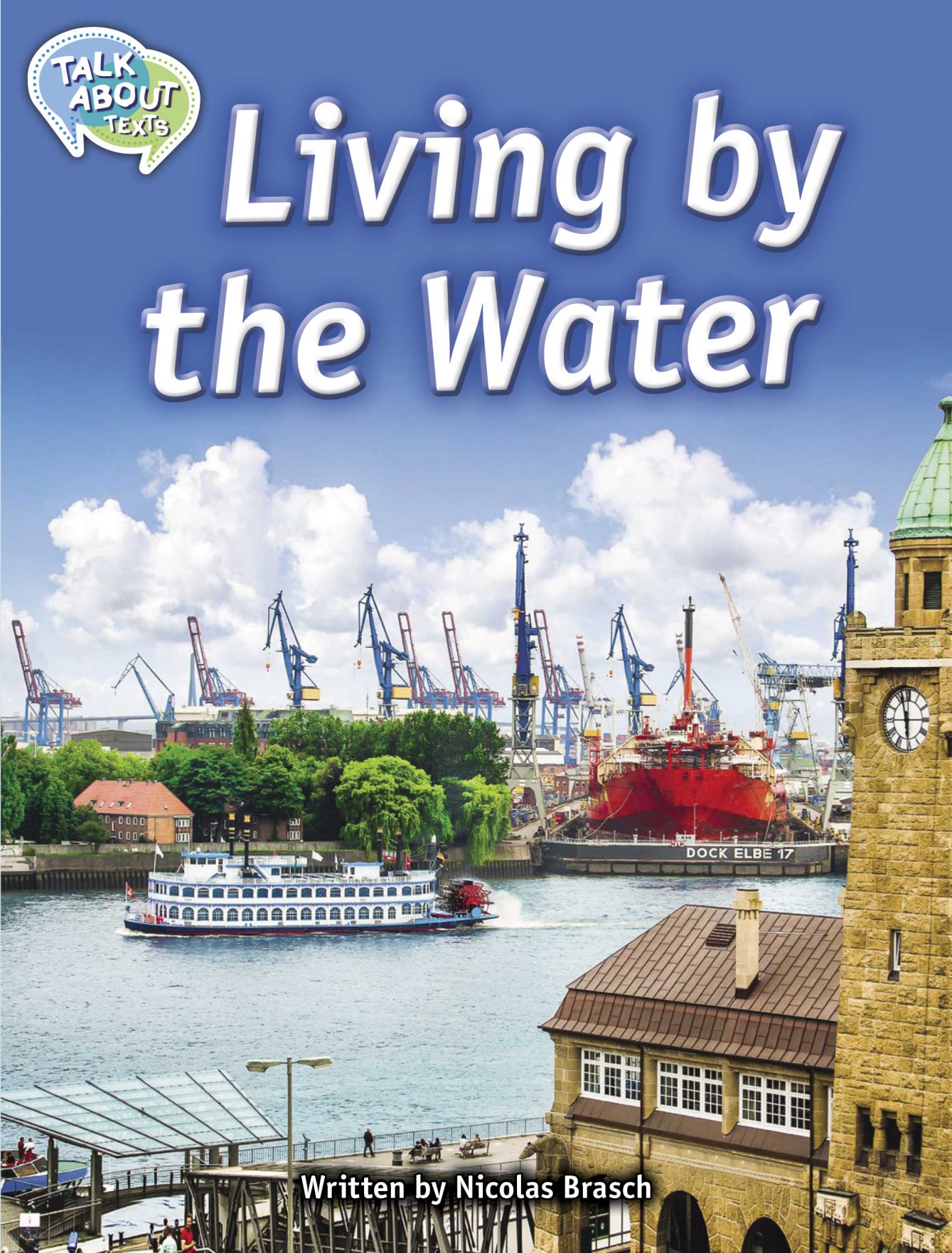
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# Introduction

For thousands of years, people have built **settlements** near rivers, lakes or seas. Water has always been important.

People use fresh water from rivers and lakes for drinking. They use it for finding food, transportation and cleaning. People also use it to grow crops.

If we study the history of cities in Egypt, Germany and the United States, we can see the many benefits of living by the water.

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People have used the Niger River in West Africa for drinking, catching fish, bathing and washing dishes and clothing for thousands of years.

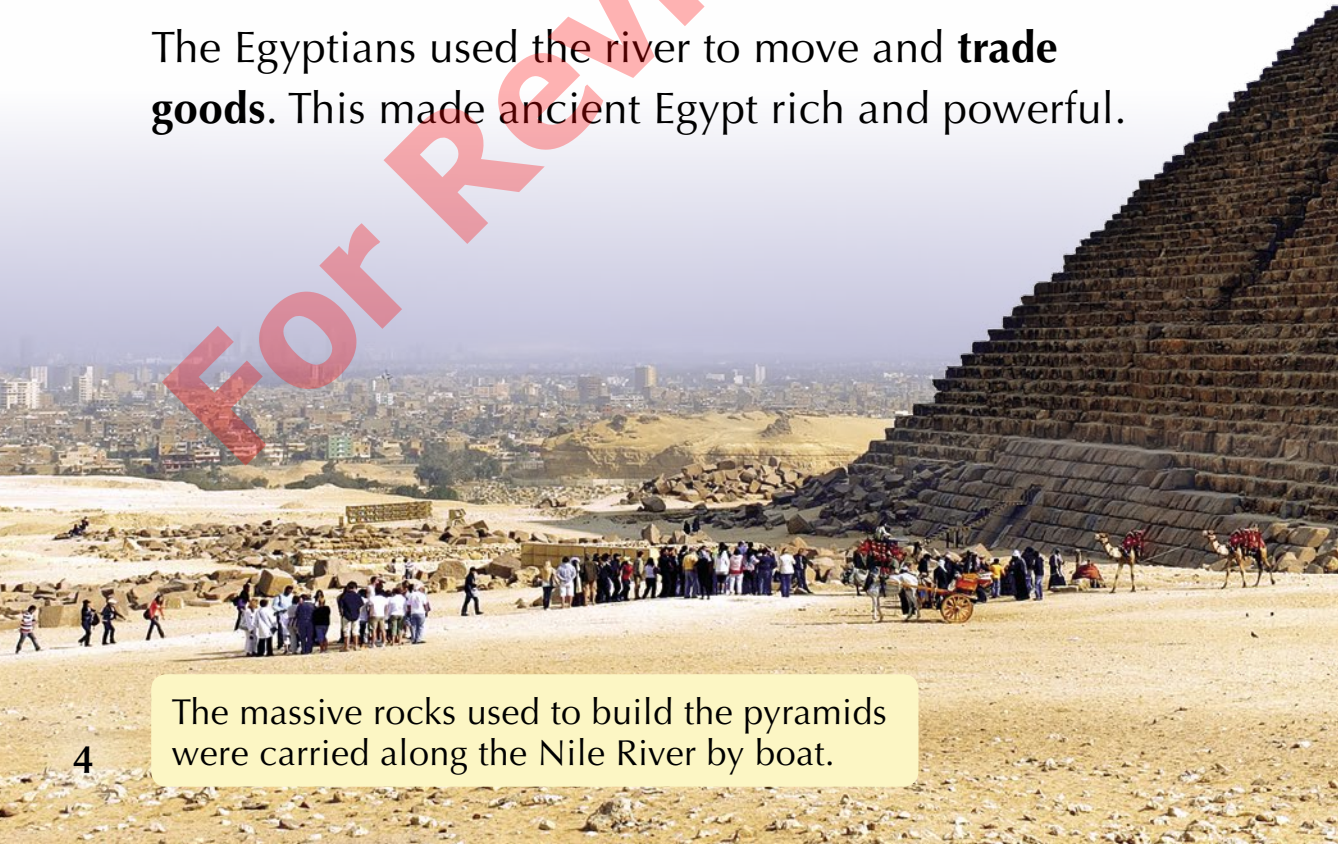
# Cairo

Cairo is the capital of Egypt. It is the country's largest city. It was built on the Nile River.

The ancient Egyptians built the city of Memphis at this location. It existed before Cairo. It became the site of the famous pyramids. This place was chosen because it was close to the Nile. The ancient Egyptians used the Nile to transport heavy stones to build the pyramids. The river also transported people from other parts of Egypt to work at the site.

The Egyptians used the river to move and **trade goods**. This made ancient Egypt rich and powerful.

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The massive rocks used to build the pyramids were carried along the Nile River by boat.




The Nile River flows through northern Africa and into the Mediterranean Sea.

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