**Old Kingdom Egypt Viewing Questions**

Watch the video below and answer the questions that follow:

<https://youtu.be/K7eC_WfsXAY>

1. When did the Old Kingdom period in ancient Egyptian history occur?
2. Who was the first dynasty of Egypt founded by, and what were his notable achievements?
3. What are the three periods the Old Kingdom is often subdivided into?
4. Who was the pharaoh that began the Old Kingdom proper, and what is he best known for?
5. What was the architectural innovation introduced by Djoser's architect Imhotep?
6. What was the first 'true' pyramid, and who commissioned it?
7. What is the most famous pyramid built during the Old Kingdom, and who built it?
8. What evidence suggests that the workers who built the Great Pyramid were not slaves but rather paid laborers?
9. Why were the pharaohs buried in pyramids with expensive burial items?
10. Who was the sun-god Ra, and why was he important during the Old Kingdom period?
11. What are the Pyramid Texts, and what do they reveal about the importance of Ra?
12. What led to the decline of the Old Kingdom around 2150 BC?
13. What was the significance of the expansion of the Sahara Desert during the Old Kingdom period?
14. Who was the last of the great pharaohs of the Old Kingdom, and what happened after his reign?
15. What was the First Intermediate Period, and what characterized this time?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in the video, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What were the most important elements of the Old Kingdom?*