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Answer the questions using the extracts from *The Egyptian Cinderella* - by Shirley Climo.

Like the Egyptian servant girls, Rhodopis went to the water's edge each day to wash clothes or to gather the reeds that grew along the riverbank. But Rhodopis looked different from the Egyptian girls. Their eyes were brown and hers were green. Their hair hung straight to their shoulders, while the breeze blew hers into tangles. Their skin glowed like copper, but her pale skin turned red beneath the sun. That was how she got her name, for Rhodopis meant "rosy-cheeked" in Greek.

What two jobs would Rhodopis do at the water's edge?

What did the Egyptian girls look like?

How did Rhodopis get her name?

Can you find an example of a simile in the text?

After Rhodopis had lost sight of the falcon, the mighty bird followed the course of the Nile to the city of Memphis, to the square where the Pharaoh was holding court. There the falcon watched and waited.

The Pharaoh's name was Amasis. On his head he wore the red-and-white crown of the Two Egypts. The double crown was heavy and pinched his ears. He preferred driving his chariot as fast as the wind to sitting on the throne. Amasis yawned.

Why was the Pharaoh uncomfortable?

What would the Pharaoh rather be doing?

Why do you think the Pharaoh yawned?