The Desert Environment

Watch the video clip.

Discuss as class.
How did the deserts surrounding the settlements of ancient Egypt have an impact on:
- some key resources
- potential food sources
- people's beliefs?

Housing:
These websites will be good starting points
http://egypt.mrdonn.org/homes.html
http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/amarnahouse.htm
http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/easternvillage.htm

Find out as a starting point:
1. What were houses made of?
2. What colour were houses painted and why?
3. What resources from Egypt's local environment would have been used to build a settlement? Explain the processes.

Choose ONE of the following to complete:
(a) Create a 3D artwork using only sand (and some means of holding it together)
(b) Make an Egyptian House (use a shoebox?)
(c) Design an Egyptian Garden
(d) Write a diary entry that you would have recorded had you been there (in the video clip).
(e) Compose a piece of music (or rhythmic beat) you think would be more suitable for this clip. You could also narrate the film clip.