

## Take a Closer Look

- What place did Cleopatra rule?  
Circle the information that tells you.
- Underline three things Cleopatra learned about speaking in front of people.

*Cleopatra thought  
carefully about what  
she wanted to say.  
People listened to her and  
she won their support.*



- Cleopatra was smart, thoughtful, and confident. What words describe you?

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## Cleopatra

*Ask for things the right way.*



Cleopatra was a ruler of ancient  
Egypt. Egypt is a country in the  
top corner of Africa.



Egypt

## Growing Up

Cleopatra was born more than 2,000 years ago. Her father was the king of Egypt. Cleopatra lived in a fancy palace. She had a big library and a museum in her backyard. She had the best teachers. She traveled to many different places. She learned to speak seven languages!

## Speaking Up

Cleopatra learned how to speak in front of many people. She learned how to prepare what to say. She learned how to stand tall and speak clearly. She was confident.

### Amazing Fact!

**Cleopatra's face was put on the coins of Egypt.**



*This is a Cleopatra coin from the British Museum.*

Cleopatra's father died when she was 18. She and her brother became the two rulers of Egypt. Her brother was very young. Cleopatra became the main ruler.



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*This is a sculpture of Cleopatra.*

## A Smart Ruler

Over the years, her brother and other people tried to take over Egypt. Cleopatra had a goal. She wanted to stay in charge. She knew how to speak to many different people. She prepared what to say. She won their support!

Cleopatra ruled for more than 20 years. That is a long time. People have been talking about her for even longer—more than 2,000 years!