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

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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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.

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.

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!