Paraphrasing — The Nile River

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2. Change the words and word order
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Paraphrase this passage on the Nile River.

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At over 4,000 miles long, the Nile River is the world's longest river. In ancient times, each spring water would run off the mountains and the Nile would flood. As the flood waters receded, black, rich soil was left behind. The ancient Egyptians called this fertile soil "The Gift of the Nile." The Nile gave ancient Egyptians many gifts besides the rich soil. Because of the Nile, they had fresh water for drinking and bathing. The Nile also supported trade and transportation. It provided building materials, and natural resources for making cloth and paper. Paper was made from the wild papyrus plant that grew along the Nile's shores. Because of the annual flooding of the Nile, the ancient Egyptians had a high standard of living compared to other civilizations. Egypt would be a desert if it were not for the Nile River.

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