Egypt - Ancient Egypt, Gathering Flax



A wall-relief from ca. 1500 BCE depicting Egyptians gathering and preparing flax. To properly do so, the seeds were removed, the stalks were bound into bundles, dirt was knocked off the roots, and full-grown flax pulled up by roots. Egyptians used flax as a fiber for making linen, and also used the oil produced by the seeds for medicine. This image was originally taken from a print by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, (1930).

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