Did you know . . . ?
Ramses II created the first-known peace treaty. A treaty is an agreement between two nations to form an alliance with each other.

Did you know . . . ?
Ramses II created more monuments and statues than any other pharaoh. Some of his monuments are as tall as a six-story building.

Did you know . . . ?
Ramses II lived for 92 years when the average life expectancy in ancient Egypt was 34 years.

Did you know . . . ?
One of Ramses II's monumental temples, at Abu Simbel, aligns with the sun. Two times a year, the sun's rays reach the inner temple and illuminate images of the gods.

Did you know . . . ?
By securing and expanding Egypt’s borders, Ramses II grew the empire and brought about peace and great prosperity.

Did you know . . . ?
Ramses II's tomb was plundered in ancient times and suffered water damage from floods. This exhibition includes objects from other ancient royal tombs to offer an idea of the extraordinary objects Ramses II's tomb must have included.
Think about it . . .
Were there any objects in the exhibition that you felt should not have been there, for ethics reasons? Why?

Think about it . . .
How was the importance of the pharaoh represented in the objects or their materials? What did this make you wonder about people who weren’t pharaohs?

Think about it . . .
How was Ramses II represented through this exhibition? Was this representation biased in any way?

Think about it . . .
What did you find out about the role or power of the pharaohs? How did this match or contradict what you think a leader should do?

Think about it . . .
How did the objects in the exhibition connect to the idea of magic or spiritual beliefs of the ancient Egyptians?

Think about it . . .
Which objects did you learn a lot about from observing? What was the benefit of this object being on view?

Think about it . . .
Which elements of this exhibition fascinated you? Why?

Think about it . . .
What about the exhibition demonstrated that Ramses II was great for his people? Does this match your idea of what a great leader is?