

Ancient Egypt Knowledge Organiser

Egypt in a country in North-East Africa.



The River Nile

As the map below shows, the River Nile flows through Egypt.



It was essential for Ancient Egyptian life. It was their main water source in a desert landscape allowing them to grow many crops.



| Key Vocabulary | |
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| Ancient Civilisation | An Ancient Civilisation is the first settled and stable communities that became the basis for later states, nations and empires. |
| Hieroglyphics | Ancient Egyptian writing |
| Archaeologist | A person who studies human history through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artefacts and other physical remains. |
| Egyptologist | An archaeologist who specialises in Ancient Egypt |
| Rosetta Stone | Discovered in 1799. It was helpful because it has the same text written in three different forms so people were able to translate what the hieroglyphs meant. |
| Pharaohs | At the top of the order, thought of as a god. The kings of Ancient Egypt. |
| Papyrus | Paper that the Egyptians made from reeds to write hieroglyphics on. |
| Tomb | A burial place for famous Egyptians such as pharaohs. They were buried with their belongings for use in the afterlife. |
| Mummification | The process of preserving the body of a person to allow them to enter the afterlife. |

Key information

- Ancient Egypt is a particularly important era of ancient history because of the many achievements of the Ancient Egyptian people.
- Egyptian Civilisation began 5,000 years ago in 3100 BC and lasted around 3,000 years.
- There were three seasons in the Egyptian calendar
 1. Akhet (inundation): Lots of rain causing the Nile to flood.
 2. Peret (emergence): Floodwaters go down leaving fertile land for farmers to grow crops on.
 3. Shemu (Harvest): farmers harvested the food they had planted
- They had a variety of jobs including farmers, builders, scribes, priests, merchants and craftsmen.
- The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods such as Atum, Sekhmet, Anubis, Osiris and Horus.
- Tutankhamun became a pharaoh in 1332 BC after his father's death when he was only 9/10 years old. He reigned for 10 years.
- In 1922 Howard Carter (an Egyptologist) discovered Tutankhamun's tomb

Karnak

A large temple complex build for the god Amun from 2055 BC to 100 AD.



The Great Sphinx

A mythical creature with the body of a lion and a head of a human. Chiselled from limestone in 2500 BC.



The Valley of the Kings

A royal burial ground for Pharaohs including Tutankhamun (built in 1539 BC)



The Great Pyramids of Giza

It was the largest Pyramid ever built (over 2 million stone blocks). It was completed in 2560BC.

