

ANCIENT EGYPT

Knowledge Organiser



Key information

The Ancient Egyptians ruled over 5000 years ago and lasted for 3000 years.

Ancient Egypt depended on the waters of the River Nile, which flows through harsh and dry desert. Only the land on the banks of the Nile could be cultivated to support life and farm on. The rest of Egypt was, and still is, desert.

The Ancient Egyptians made paper from reeds called **papyrus** and that is where we get the word 'paper'

The Egyptians were famous for creating magnificent buildings called **Pyramids**. The Egyptians built over 100 pyramids and some of them were almost 150 meters tall.

Ancient Egyptians believed in several **gods** and mummified the bodies of wealthy and famous people to send them to the afterlife safely.

Key Vocabulary

Pharaoh	The pharaoh was at the top of the order, and thought to be a god.
Hieroglyphics	Pictures the ancient Egyptians used instead of words.
Papyrus	Paper that the Egyptians made from reeds to write hieroglyphics on.
Tomb	A burial place for many famous Egyptians, including pharaohs.
Mummification	The process of preserving the body of a person to allow them to enter the afterlife.

Key figures

Egyptians believed in many gods and were ruled by Pharaohs.



Tutankhamun - He became pharaoh at the tender age of nine in 1337 BC. A team of British archaeologists discovered his tomb in 1922, nearly 3000 years after his death.



Ancient Egyptian Timeline

SCROLL DOWN TO EXPLORE SOME OF THE KEY MOMENTS IN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN HISTORY

6000 BC
In 6000BC early people settled in the Nile valley. Egyptians began to use clay and silt from the river to make pottery vessels.

5000 BC
Around 5000BC many Egyptians farmed sheep and cattle. Some Egyptians grew wheat and barley on the fertile land on the Nile valley.

4600 BC
Around 4600BC, sails were used on Egyptian ships for the first time. Boats were the main form of transport in Ancient Egypt.

3500 BC
Around 3500BC, craftsmen began to create the first wall paintings using hieroglyphic symbols in the Egyptian writing system.

3000 BC
Around 3000BC, walled towns and villages were built in Egypt. The first buildings were made of mud brick.

2500 BC
Around 2500BC, Egyptians built the Great Sphinx and the Great Pyramid at Giza. 2500BC to 2000BC, was the 'Old Kingdom' period.

1550 BC
It was around 1550BC that many of the royal tombs were built in the Valley of the Kings. 1500BC - 925BC was the period of the 'New Kingdom'.

1325 BC
Around 1325BC, King Tutankhamun was buried in the Valley of the Kings. In 1922 his tomb was discovered, inside were wonderful treasures and the mummy of the Pharaoh covered by a beautiful gold death mask.

332 BC
In 332BC, Egypt was invaded by Alexander the Great and was then ruled by Greek Kings. The era of the New Kingdom ends.