

Ancient Egypt

For over 3000 years, Ancient Egypt was a civilisation that discovered and created some of the most influential inventions in history. They developed systems for writing and maths; had religions and studied astronomy, as well as medicine. They built huge buildings and tombs for their pharaohs, and decorated them with pictures and carvings.

Egypt is a country on the continent of **Africa**. Ancient Egypt means what that country was like a long time ago—before 500AD.



Key Dates:

Around 5000BC - Farmers begin to settle along the River Nile
Around 3500BC - The first hieroglyphics used
Around 2600BC - The first known obelisks built
Around 2560BC - Great Pyramid of Giza completed
1336BC - Tutankhamun becomes pharaoh
30BC - Egypt becomes a Roman province
1922AD - Tomb of Tutankhamun discovered

The Ancient Egyptians worshipped lots of different gods.



Hieroglyphics was writing system used in Ancient Egypt. It used a combination of symbols and pictures to show meaning.



Ancient Egypt was one of many ancient civilisations around the world at the time. Others were: The Ancient Sumer, The Indus Valley and The Shang Dynasty.

Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's burial chamber in the Valley of the Kings



The Great Pyramids of Giza—contain burial chambers of pharaohs and their queens. Was the tallest man-made structure for almost 4000 years.



Mummification—a process of preserving bodies for use in the afterlife.



Useful websites:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/egypt/ten-facts-about-ancient-egypt/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/ancient-egypt/>
<https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-egypt.html>

Topic Vocabulary:

Afterlife – Something that begins after a person dies

Egyptologist – An archaeologist who studies Ancient Egypt

Hieroglyphics – Writing that is made up of pictures and symbols

Mummification – A way of preserving the body of someone who has died

Papyrus – A plant that was used to make an early version of paper

Pharaoh – A king or queen of Ancient Egypt

Pyramids – A four-sided tomb of a pharaoh

Tomb – A place where someone is buried

General History Vocabulary:

AD (Anno Domini) – The period of history after Christians believe Jesus was born – sometimes known as BCE (Before Common Era)

BC (Before Christ) – The period of history before Christians believe Jesus was born – sometimes known as CE (Common Era)

Artefact – An object we can use to study the past

Chronological – In time order

Civilisation – A society and way of life at a particular time

Source – An object or account which gives information about a period of history