



Topic:

Ancient Egyptians

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### Key Knowledge

Ancient Egyptians - 3100BC – 30BC

Where:



**Background Information** - Cairo is the capital of Egypt. The River Nile is the longest river in the world and was essential to life in ancient Egypt. Every year, it flooded, leaving behind a black silt that enriched the soil for growing crops. Most people lived along and around the Nile. This is still true in Egypt today.

### Key People

**Tutankhamun** - Pharaoh from approx. 1333 BC to 1323 BC. Known as the 'boy king' as he became pharaoh aged only 9.

**Queen Cleopatra** - she is the last Pharaoh of the ancient Egypt period.

**Howard Carter** - a British archaeologist who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings in 1922.

### Egyptian Gods

**Ra** - The Sun God

**Isis** - The Mother Goddess

**Osiris** - The Ruler of the Underworld

**Horus** - The God of the Sky

**Thoth** - The God of Knowledge

**Hathor** - The Goddess of Love and Joy

**Anubis** - The God of the Dead



Tutankhamun's Death Mask




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### Useful Websites

<https://egyptianmuseum.org/exhibits>


<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/primary-resource/ancient-egyptians-primary-resource/>


### Key Vocabulary

**Ancient**  belonging to the very distant past


**Modern**  present or recent times


**Egypt**  A country in northern Africa

**Artefact**  an object from the past, made by a human

**Hieroglyphics**  a system of writing that used pictures and symbols instead of letters.


**Pharaoh**  a ruler of ancient Egypt


**Mummification**  the process in which the flesh and skin of a corpse can be preserved.

**Pyramids**  buildings with triangular sides built as an **Egyptian tomb** - (a place to bury the dead).

**Sarcophagus**  a stone coffin

**Amulet**  a piece of jewellery thought to protect against evil

**Desert**  an area of land covered in sand with no water or vegetation

**Natron**  mineral salt used in the mummification process

**Afterlife**  life after death

**Gods/Goddesses**  male and female deity

### Key Dates

7500BC - The first settlers arrive in the Nile Valley

3100BC-30BC - Ancient Egyptian era.

2,640 BC - First pyramid is believed to have been built.

2,520 BC - The Great Sphinx (body of a lion and head of a human) is believed to be built.

1,332 BC - The 10-year rule of Tutankhamun begins.

51 BC - Queen Cleopatra's reign begins.

November 1922 - Howard Carter discovers the tomb of Tutankhamun.