

ANCIENT EGYPT knowledge Organiser – Acorns Class

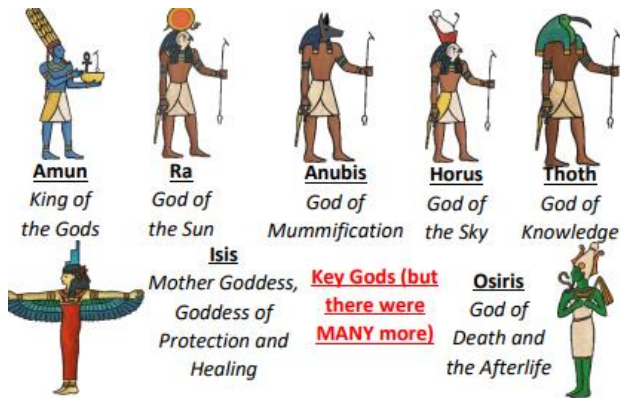


The ancient Egyptian civilisation covers a long period in history. It is generally defined by the time when the Pharaohs ruled Egypt. This started around 3100 BC but no one can really agree when it ended. Some people believe it finished around 320 BC when Alexander the Great invaded Egypt, but others think it ended around 30 BC when the Romans invaded.

Vocabulary	Definition
Ancient	belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence
Civilisation	the stage of human social and cultural development and organization that is considered most advanced
Pharaoh	a <u>ruler</u> in ancient Egypt
Sarcophagus	a stone <u>coffin</u> , typically <u>adorned</u> with a sculpture or inscription and associated with the ancient <u>civilizations</u> .
Canopic Jar	a covered urn used in ancient Egyptian <u>burials</u> to hold the <u>entrails</u> and other organs from an <u>embalmed</u> body.
Hieroglyphics	a <u>stylized</u> picture of an object representing a word, <u>syllable</u> , or sound, as found in ancient Egyptian and certain other writing systems
Mummification	the process of preserving a dead body as a mummy



The River Nile flows through Egypt and was the source of all life for the ancient Egyptians. They relied on the Nile for all sorts of different things.



Timeline of Key Events:

All dates below are approximate

Old Kingdom: 2600 BCE - 2100 BCE

Middle Kingdom: 2000 BCE - 1650 BCE

New Kingdom: 1540 BCE - 1075 BCE

- 7500 BCE First settlers in Nile valley
- 3500 BCE First use of hieroglyphic symbols
- 3100 BCE Narmer unites regions of Lower and Upper Egypt.
- 2650 BCE First step pyramid built
- 2550 BCE Pyramids at Giza built
- 2335 BCE Pyramid texts written (magical spells to protect pharaohs)
- 1472 BCE Hatshepsut becomes caretaker ruler. (Later declares herself pharaoh)
- 1336 BCE Tutankhamen becomes pharaoh
- 1279 BCE Ramses II becomes pharaoh
- 1100 BCE Upper & Lower Egypt split
- 332 BCE Alexander the Great conquers Egypt
- 196 BCE Rosetta stone carved
- 1279 BCE Ramses II becomes pharaoh
- 30 BCE Egypt becomes a Roman Province
- 1922 CE Carter discovers Tutankhamen's tomb

Assessment:

- To locate ancient Egypt in time and place.
- To learn about the Egyptian landscape and find out how it impacted on people's lives in Ancient Egypt.
- To find out about Tutankhamen and how artefacts can teach us about the past.
- To understand the importance of artefacts in helping us find out about the past.
- To find out about the way of life in ancient Egypt.
- To learn about Egyptian tombs, pyramids and burial sites.
- To recall, select and organise historical information

