


Map skills - locate Egypt on different scaled maps; locate the River Nile.	Who were the Ancient Egyptians; what were their lives like?	
Understand the importance of the River Nile.		
Mummification process	The life of Tutankhamun	
The Gods of Egypt		
Hieroglyphics		


**Key Vocabulary**

Afterlife	Life after death.
Canopic jar	Used to store and preserve the viscera of their owner for the afterlife.
Civilisation	A culture that has developed specialised systems, religion, education and government.
Dynasty	A series of rulers from the same family.
Embalm	Spices and oils used to preserve a corpse from decay.
Hieroglyphics	An ancient Egyptian writing system where pictures represented ideas and sounds.
Irrigation	A way of supplying water to an area of land.
Mummification	Embalment and drying of a dead body and wrapping it as a mummy.
Mummy	A specially treated body wrapped in cloth for preservation.
Nile River	The river ancient Egyptians settled around. Flows south to north into Mediterranean Sea
Papyrus	A paper like material made from a reed that grows along the River Nile
Pharaoh	King-gods who ruled Egypt. Believed to be descended from the sun god.
Pyramids	Tombs or burial places for the pharaohs.
Rosetta Stone	Stone slab inscribed with hieroglyphics that allowed historians to understand Egyptian writing.
Sahara desert	Largest desert in the world, some of which makes up some of Egypt.
Sarcophagus	A large stone coffin for a mummy to be laid in.
Shadoof	A waterwheel with buckets used by farmers to irrigate fields.
Sphinx	Mythological creature that has the head of a pharaoh and body of a lion.
Tomb	A large vault, typically an underground one, for burying the dead. The most well known in Egypt is within the pyramids in the Valley of the Kings.
Tutankhamun	An ancient Egyptian pharaoh who was the last of his royal family to rule during the end of the 18th dynasty.
Viscera	The internal organs in the main cavities of the body




## 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.




**4500 BC**  
Around 4500BC, 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.



**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.



**1550 BC**  
It was around 1550BC that many of the royal tombs were built in the Valley of the Kings. 1500BC - 332BC was the period of the 'New Kingdom'.

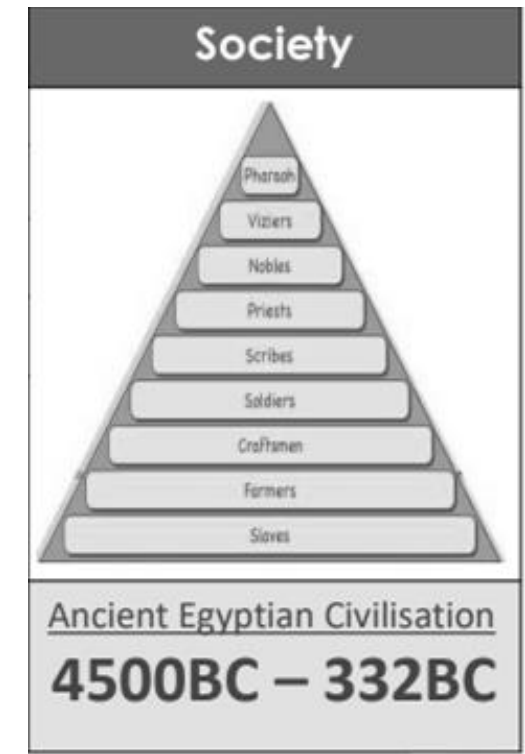


**332 BC**  
In 332BC Egypt was invaded by Alexander the Great and was then ruled by Greek Kings. The era of the New Kingdom ends.

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**Fun Facts**

- Egyptian men and women wore makeup.
- They used mouldy bread to help with infections.
- They were one of the first civilisations to invent writing.
- The Ancient Egyptians were scientists and mathematicians.
- Ancient Egypt plays a major role in the Bible.
- The Pharaoh kept his hair covered to show they were the ruler and separate from the common people.



**Egyptian Gods**

Ra	God of the sun.
Osiris	A wise and good pharaoh who taught man about farming.
Isis	The wife of Osiris who was the Goddess of magic.
Horus	Son of Isis and Osiris known as the Avenger.
Anubis	God of funerals.
Sobek	God of crocodiles who was feared and respected.
Nephthys	River Goddess and sister to Isis.