

Ancient Egyptian civilisation

Timeline

7500 BC	First settlers in the Nile valley
3500 BC	First use of hieroglyphic symbols
2650 BC	First step pyramids built
2550 BC	Pyramids at Giza built
1336 BC	Tutankhamun becomes Pharaoh
1922	Howard Carter's discovery



Key People and Places

<b>Narmer</b>	Said to be the first Pharaoh of Egypt, around 3150 BC.
<b>Khufu</b>	Pharaoh responsible for building the Great Pyramids at Giza.
<b>Hatshepsut</b>	First and longest reigning female Pharaoh.
<b>Tutankhamun</b>	Youngest Pharaoh, famed for his burial tomb in the Valley of the Kings.
<b>Howard Carter</b>	An archaeologist who discovered King Tutankhamun's tomb.
<b>Valley of the Kings</b>	Valley in Egypt where tombs were built for famous Pharaohs.
<b>Pyramids of Giza</b>	Royal tombs built for three different Pharaohs.
<b>Cleopatra</b>	She was the last ruler of Ancient Egypt.

Why was Howard Carter's discovery significant?

Howard Carter was an English archaeologist. He became world-famous after discovering the untouched tomb of Tutankhamun. Significant artefacts found in Tutankhamun's tomb, which tell us about life in Ancient Egypt, included a golden death mask, chariot and a dagger made from iron!

What were Ancient Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife?

Mummification was the process of preserving the body. This process was very important to Ancient Egyptians as they believed that when they died their soul would take a journey through the underworld where they would be judged to see whether they had lived a good life. As well as the food and drink they would need in the afterlife, Pharaohs were buried with valuable treasures, canopic jars containing their organs, games and even furniture.

Key Vocabulary

<b>afterlife</b>	Life after death.
<b>hieroglyphic</b>	A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols.
<b>papyrus</b>	A tall water plant that grows in Africa.
<b>pyramid</b>	Buildings usually with four triangular sloping sides. These were built to contain the bodies of Kings and Queens in Ancient Egypt.
<b>tomb</b>	A large grave where people were buried.
<b>pharaoh</b>	The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt.
<b>fertile land</b>	Land rich in nutrients to support the growth of plants.
<b>mummification</b>	When a dead body is preserved (kept in its original state) by rubbing it in special oils and wrapping in linen cloth.
<b>excavate</b>	Remove earth from an area to find buried remains of a body or artefacts
<b>canopic jar</b>	Special jars which hold organs of the mummy.
<b>sarcophagus</b>	A large decorative container in which a dead body was kept in ancient times.

What else was going on in the World

3000 BC	The Bronze Age started in Europe.
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