

Who were the Ancient Egyptians?

Egyptian timeline

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.

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.

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.

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.

Skills to be taught

- Use Google earth to find Egypt.
- Understand what was happening in Britain at the time.
- Link last terms knowledge about world climate to Egypt.
- Evaluate the importance of the river Nile and Farming to the Ancient Egyptians.
- Explore the social hierarchy of ancient Egyptian people.
- Understand and explain the stages of the mummification process.
- Compare and contrast Egyptian writing systems.

Vocabulary

Silt	
Irrigation	
Shaduf	
Pharaoh	
Pyramid	
Mummification	
Afterlife	
Hieroglyphics	
Papyrus	
Canopic jars	
Akhet	
Cartouche	
Egyptologist	
Amulet	
The River Nile	
Tutankhamen	
Land of the kings	

What I will know

- Locate Egypt on map and link knowledge about what was happening in Britain at the time.
- Explain and describe the importance of the River Nile.
- Explain and understand the process of the ancient Egyptian ritual of mummification.
- Describe the seasons and their importance to farming and the role of Shaduf.
- Describe the hierarchy of the ancient Egypt civilization.
- Understand how Egyptians developed an approach to writing.
- Understand the importance of Tutankhamen.

