



History

Year 3

Ancient Egypt

3100 BCE to 30 BCE

What are the Ancient Egyptians famous for?



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Essential knowledge

Ancient Egypt was a civilization that happened thousands of years ago. In this topic, we will use the terms BC and AD to help us understand how long ago this was. "BCE" represents "Before the Common Era" (or before the birth of Jesus). "CE" represents after this event. The Ancient Egyptians lived mostly before the common era.

Much of what we have learnt about Ancient Egypt comes from artefacts that have been unearthed by archaeologists like Howard Carter. He has made important discoveries which have helped our understanding of this civilization.

When looking at this period in history, we will learn about Mummification, Pharaohs and the Pyramids (which represented a great achievement for the ancient Egyptians). These unique parts of Ancient Egyptian history will help to show us what was important to this culture at this time.

Hieroglyphs were first developed 3100 BCE	The first pyramid was built. 2640 BCE	The pyramids of Giza were built. 2555 BCE	Valley of the kings was built. 1539 BCE	Tutankhamun's rule began. 1322 BCE
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Speak like a Historian

BC – "Before Christ". This helps us to identify how long ago events occurred.

Pharaoh – The name given to the rulers of Egypt during this period.

Civilisation - A large group of people with their own language and way of life.

Mummification – The process of preserving the pharaohs after their death.

Key questions

What does BC and AD mean?

How do we learn about the past?

Why was Howard Carter's discovery so important?

What was mummification?

What was the role of a pharaoh?

What did the pyramids represent?

Significant people

Alexander the Great was a king of Macedonia who created one of the largest empires in history. Egypt was part of this empire and even had the city of Alexandria which was named after him.

Tutankhamun was a pharaoh of Egypt who was very popular with his people. He helped restore traditions and was worshipped as a god.



Substantive concepts

- Monarchy
- Empire

Timeline

Stone Age to Iron Age 5000BC-500AD	Ancient Egypt 3100-30BC	Ancient Greece 800-323BC	Romans AD43-410	Benin 900-1897AD	The Great Fire of London 1666	Victorian period 1837-1901	World War 2 1939-1945	Moon Landing 1969