

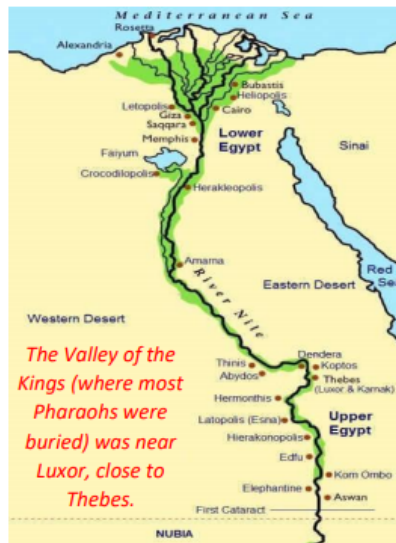


Ancient Egyptians



River Nile

The river Nile was central to life in ancient Egypt; most Egyptians still live along and around it today. It had many uses. The area near the River Nile that flooded was known as the Black Land. Areas further away were known as the Red Land. They relied on the Nile's flood to grow crops and farm.



Key Events

- 7500BCE- First settlers in Nile valley.
- 3500BCE- First use of hieroglyphic symbols.
- 2550BCE- Pyramids at Giza built.
- 1336BCE- Tutankhamun becomes pharaoh.
- 1279BCE- Ramses II becomes pharaoh.
- 332BCE- Alexander the Great conquers Egypt.
- 196BCE- Rosetta stone carved.
- 30BCE- Egypt becomes a Roman province.
- 51BCE- Cleopatra becomes pharaoh.
- 1922AD- Howard Carter discovers Tutankhamun's tomb.

Key Vocabulary

Afterlife	The place where Egyptians believed they would go after they died.
Canopic jars	Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach.
Hieroglyphics	A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols.
Mummification	The process of preserving a body after death in preparation for the afterlife.
Papyrus	A plant that grew on the banks of the Nile. It was used as an early version of paper.
Pharaoh	The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt. He or she was considered a god.
Sarcophagus	A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin. Often richly decorated for Pharaohs.
Sphinx	A mythological beast with the body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh or god. The Egyptians built sphinx statues to guard tombs.
Tomb	A large vault, usually underground, used for burying the dead.
Valley of the Kings	The valley contains the tombs of numerous pharaohs, including Tutankhamun.

Famous Kings, Queens, Gods and Archaeologists

Tutankhamun



Tutankhamun or 'King Tut' is probably the most well-known Egyptian pharaoh. One of the reasons is that his burial tomb is one of the few that was discovered with everything still in it. He was only ten years old when he became a pharaoh so he was called 'The boy king.'

Cleopatra



A very famous woman in Ancient History who ruled Egypt for 21 years. She was one of the last pharaohs in Ancient Egypt. She had a child with Julius Caesar from the Roman Empire and was popular because the country prospered under her rule. She was known for her beauty and could speak many languages.

Howard Carter



Howard Carter became famous because of a 4,000-year-old man. He was the archaeologist who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun. Lord Carnarvon financed Carter's search for the tomb of a previously unknown Pharaoh, Tutankhamen, whose existence Carter had discovered.

