

Year 3 and 4 Knowledge Organiser – History

Ancient Egypt



Timeline

6000 B.C.	5000 B.C.	4500 B.C.	3500 B.C.	3000 B.C.	2500 B.C.	1500 B.C.	1325 B.C.	332 B.C.	30 B.C.
People settle near the River Nile	Farmed wheat, barley and cattle	Use of sails for the first time	First use of hieroglyphics	Buildings of mud brick	Sphinx and Giza Pyramids	Valley of the Kings tombs built	King Tutankhamun buried	Alexander the Great rules	Death of Cleopatra

What should I already know?

Names of some other ancient civilisations

Vocabulary

canopic jar	Jars with intestines, stomach, lungs and liver - all of which were thought to be needed in the afterlife.
cartouche	An oval containing hieroglyphics with a horizontal line underneath indicating a royal name.
hieroglyphics	A writing system where picture symbols stood for meanings or sounds. It meant 'sacred carving'.
irrigation	Using the Nile, Egyptians would use annual flooding to channel water to dry areas to helping crops grow.
mummy	A body prepared for burial according to ancient Egyptian practice.
nilometer	An instrument for measuring the depth of the Nile
sarcophagus	A stone coffin adorned with a sculpture or inscription containing a mummy.
scarab	The use of the common scarab beetle was often used as a symbol for rebirth.
tomb	A chamber or vault to protect the dead, the most elaborate built within pyramids or underground.
papyrus	A type of plant grown in abundance in ancient Egypt turned into a paper-like material for writing.
pyramids	Over 130 giant pyramids were created as tombs for pharaohs, mostly built west of the River Nile.

Useful maps and images



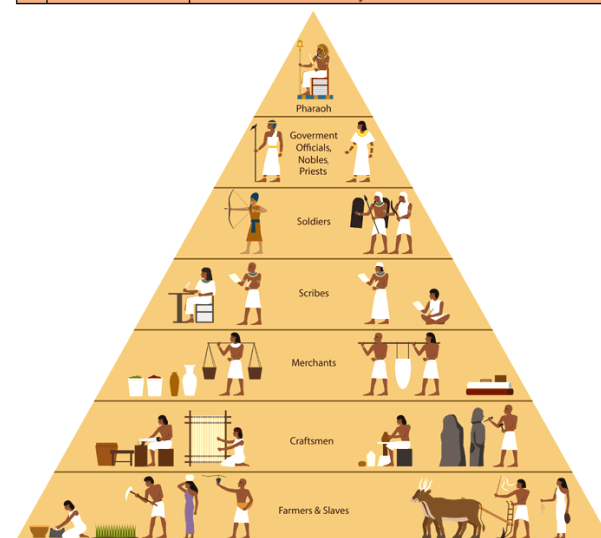
Area near the River Nile that flooded was known as the **Black Land**. Areas further away were known as the **Red Land**. They relied on the Nile's flood to grow crops and farm.



The **River Nile** is about 6,670 km (4,160 miles) in length and is the longest river in Africa and in the world. Fertile soil along the banks of the river were used to produce food for themselves and their animals.

Famous & important Pharaohs

1	Narmer	Said to be the first Pharaoh of all Egypt, around 3150 BCE. Also known as Warrior Menes.
2	Khufu	Pharaoh responsible for the building of the Great Pyramid at Giza.
3	Hatshepsut	First and longest-reigning female Pharaoh.
4	Tutankhamun	Youngest Pharaoh, famed for his burial tomb in the Valley of the Kings (mask, left).
5	Ramses II	Often known as Ramses the Great, his mummy still rests in Cairo's Egyptian Museum. Built more statues and temples than any other!
6	Cleopatra VII	Often considered the last Pharaoh of Egypt. Kept power by making alliances with famous Romans such as Mark Antony & Julius Caesar.



Question 1. What year were the Valley of the Kings tombs built?	Start of unit.	End of unit.
1. 4500BC		
2. 3500BC		
3. 2500BC		
4. 1500BC		

Question 2. At what age did Tutankhamun die?	Start of unit.	End of unit.
1. 19		
2. 9		
3. 29		
4. 39		

Question 3. How long is the River Nile?	Start of unit.	End of unit.
1. 6670km		
2. 7650km		
3. 6450km		
4. 5890km		

Question 4. Where were the pharaohs buried?	Start of unit.	End of unit.
1. In a tomb		
2. In a pyramid		
3. In the desert		
4. At sea		

Question 5. What year was Tutankhamun's tomb found?	Start of unit.	End of unit.
1. 1822		
2. 1952		
3. 200		
4. 1904		

Question 6. What is the name of the jar in which intestines, stomach, lungs and livers were kept in?	Start of unit.	End of unit.
1. cartouche		
2. canopic		
3. sarcophagus		
4. scarab		