



Egyptians Knowledge Organiser

Enquiry Question: What did the ancient Egyptians achieve and how do we know?

History Focus

Year 4

Key Concepts: Society and Civilisation

Summer



What should I already know?

The Ancient Roman period was between 753 B.C and AD 476 (Y4)
 The Ancient Greek period was between 1200 B.C and 323 B.C (Y3)
 The Bronze Age began in Egypt around a time period known as the Early Dynastic Period approx. 3100 BCE. (Y3)
 Both the Greek and Roman civilizations worshipped a number of Gods. (Y3)

Key Information learnt by the End of the Topic

- In c. 3000 BC, King Menes united two Egyptian kingdoms to build the empire of ancient Egypt. It lasted until 30 BC when the Romans took over.
- The ancient Egyptians built the pyramids as resting places for the pharaohs. When a pharaoh died, priests would prepare their bodies with a process called mummification.
- Life revolved around the Nile. Every year, it flooded and left behind a black silt that enriched the soil for growing crops. The river was also used to irrigate fields in other areas. The Nile was used for water, fishing and trade. Mud from the river banks was used to make bricks and papyrus plants were used to make paper. Most people lived along and around the Nile. This is still true in Egypt today.
- Tutankhamun was a pharaoh known more recently as the 'boy king' because he became pharaoh when he was 9 years old. His tomb was discovered by Howard Carter and his team in the Valley of the Kings in 1922. The discovery helped people to understand more about the Egyptians pharaohs.
- The ancient Egyptians worshipped many gods and goddesses who were responsible for different aspects of life and death.

Key Vocabulary

Definition

ancient

Something from a very long time ago.

civilisation

A human society with well-developed rules and government, often where technology and the arts are considered important.

Egypt

The country on the continent of Africa where the ancient Egyptian civilisation was created.

hieroglyphics

A system of writing that consists of pictures and symbols instead of letters.

pharaoh

A ruler of ancient Egypt.

tomb

A sealed room where a person was placed after death.

Historical Skills Vocabulary

BC

Used to show that a date is before the year AD 1. This is counted backwards so 200 BC is before 100 BC.

AD

Used to show that a date is after the year AD 1. This is counted forwards so AD 100 is before AD 200.

