

Ancient Egyptians

Key facts

Cairo is the capital of Egypt

The River Nile is the longest river in the World.

People settled near the Nile as it was a useful source of water (drinking, washing and watering crops).

The Ancient Egyptian era started in 3100 BC and lasted until 30 BC

Ancient Egyptians wrote using Hieroglyphics.

Tutenkhamun was a famous Pharaoh

His tomb was discovered by Howard Carter in 1922

Egypt is located in the continent of Africa

Egyptians lived in a hierarchical society

They believed in the afterlife and the ritual of embalming.



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 Dates:

Old Kingdom: 2600 BC– 2100 BC

Middle Kingdom 2000BC– 1650 BC

New Kingdom 1540 BC– 1075 BC

7500 BC– First settlers in Nile Valley

3500 BC– First known use of hieroglyphic symbols.

2650 BC– First step pyramid built

2550 BC–Pyramids at Giza built.

1472 BC– Hatshepsut becomes caretaker ruler
(Later declares herself ruler)

1336 BC– Tutankhamun becomes Pharaoh

1279BC –Rameses II becomes Pharaoh

332 BC– Alexander the Great conquers Egypt

196 BC –Rosetta Stone carved

30 BC– Egypt taken over by the Romans

Vocabulary

Pharoah	An Ancient Egyptian ruler (King or Queen)
Burial chamber	A room that is often below ground level that is used to bury the remains of the
Artefact	an object from the past that shows evidence of what has been
Hierarchy	Shows the social groups within Ancient Egyptian society.
Settlement	A place where people settle and live.
Civilisation	the society, culture, and way of life of a particular area.
Hieroglyphics	A picture used instead of writing.
Pyramid	A building with triangular sides built as an Egyptian tomb.
Evidence	facts or information about events that have taken place in the past
Archaeologist	person who studies human history and prehistory through looking at artefacts and other physical remains.



Hierarchy
Pyramid

