



Vocabulary

<i>afterlife</i>	<i>the place Egyptians believed they would go after they died</i>
<i>ancient</i>	<i>belonging in the very distant past</i>
<i>canopic jars</i>	<i>special jars that held the organs</i>
<i>dynasty</i>	<i>a period of rule when a series of pharaohs all came from the same family</i>
<i>Egyptologist</i>	<i>an archaeologist who solely focusses on Ancient Egypt.</i>
<i>hieroglyphics</i>	<i>a type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols</i>
<i>Howard Carter</i>	<i>the archaeologist who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb</i>
<i>mummification</i>	<i>the process of preserving a body after death in preparation for the afterlife</i>
<i>papyrus</i>	<i>a plant that grew on the banks of the River Nile which the Ancient Egyptians used as paper</i>
<i>pharaoh</i>	<i>the supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt</i>
<i>reign</i>	<i>the period of time that a pharaoh ruled over Ancient Egypt</i>
<i>sarcophagus</i>	<i>a large stone box that held a mummy's coffin</i>
<i>The Valley of the Kings</i>	<i>a valley in Ancient Egypt where the pharaoh's tombs were buried.</i>

What we will be learning about:

- Locating Egypt on a world map and a map of Africa.
- Identifying and locating key landmarks and cities on a map of Ancient Egypt.
- The life of King Tutankhamun.
- Ancient Egyptian life including the types of houses they lived in, the types of clothes they wore and the food that they ate.
- The importance of the River Nile to Ancient Egyptians.
- Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses.
- The process of mummification.

Timeline of Key Events:

All dates below are approximate

- Old Kingdom:** 2600 BCE - 2100 BCE
- Middle Kingdom:** 2000 BCE - 1650 BCE
- New Kingdom:** 1540 BCE - 1075 BCE
- 7500 BCE** First settlers in Nile valley
- 3500 BCE** First use of hieroglyphic symbols
- 3100 BCE** Narmer unites regions of Lower and Upper Egypt.
- 2650 BCE** First step pyramid built
- 2550 BCE** Pyramids at Giza built
- 2335 BCE** Pyramid texts written (magical spells to protect pharaohs)
- 1472 BCE** Hatshepsut becomes caretaker ruler. (Later declares herself pharaoh)
- 1336 BCE** Tutankhamen becomes pharaoh
- 1279 BCE** Ramses II becomes pharaoh
- 1100 BCE** Upper & Lower Egypt split
- 332 BCE** Alexander the Great conquers Egypt
- 196 BCE** Rosetta stone carved
- 1279 BCE** Ramses II becomes pharaoh
- 30 BCE** Egypt becomes a Roman Province
- 1922 CE** Carter discovers Tutankhamen's tomb



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.

What should I already know?

- That Africa is a continent which is made up of 54 countries.
- That Ancient Egypt was one of the earliest civilisations.
- That the pyramids were built by the Ancient Egyptians.

