



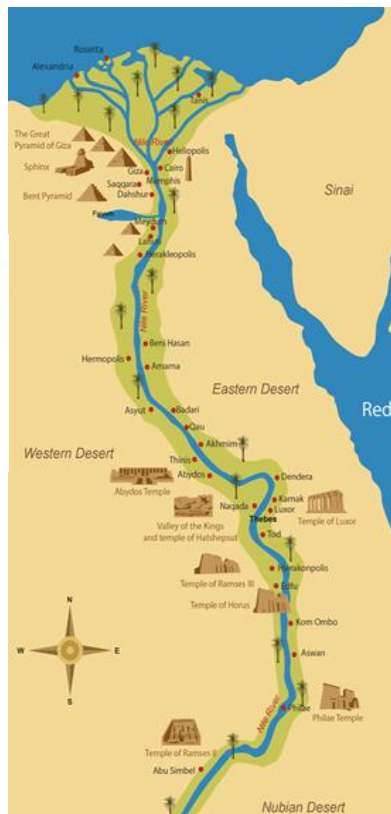
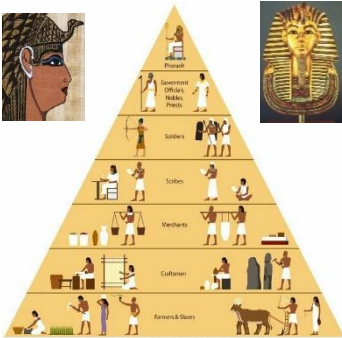
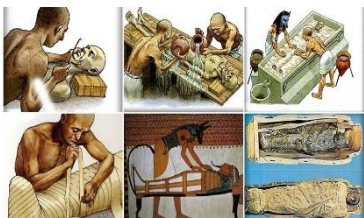
Y5-Knowledge Organiser – History-Ancient Egyptians

Key Facts

- The Ancient Egyptians were prominent between 3000BC and 300BC.
- The River Nile was very important to the Ancient Egyptians as a source of water, for irrigation, travel, transport and trade.
- The River Nile flooded every year and left rich black mud, which made the land fertile for growing crops.
- There were three farming seasons in Egypt Akhet, Peret and Shemu. Egyptian s grew a range of crops including wheat, barley, pomegranates and dates.
- Egyptians wore make up and dressed in white in order to reflect the heat from the sun.
- Egyptian houses were made of mud bricks.
- Egyptian Society had a clear structure with the Pharaoh the head; Tutankhamen and Cleopatra are amongst the most famous.
- Mummification was very important to the Egyptians as they believed this would prepare the body for their journey into the afterlife.
- Ancient Egyptians worshipped many Gods, including Ra, Anubis, Osiris and Horus.

Key Vocabulary

- **Akhet**-The Flooding Season (June-September)
- **ancient**-very old, belonging to the distant past Society.
- **archaeologist**-people who discover our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.
- **flax**-crop grown and used to make linen.
- **hieroglyphs**-a picture used as a form of writing instead of letters.
- **Mummification**-the process in which the flesh and skin of a corpse (dead body) can be preserved.
- **papyrus**-an Egyptian plant whose reeds are slit and placed in layers in order to form paper.
- **Peret**-the Growing Season (October-February)
- **pharaoh**-an ancient Egyptian ruler (king or queen).
- **pyramid**-a geometrical term that refers to part of the burial complexes for Egyptian pharaohs.
- **sarcophagus**- a large decorative container in which a dead body was placed in ancient times.
- **Shemu**-the Harvesting Season (March-May)
- **tombs**-Ancient Egypt is known for its magnificent and beautiful tombs. The most well known are within the pyramids in the Valley of the Kings.



Timeline of events

- 3100BC-King Narmer united Egypt.
- 3000BC-Egyptians invented hieroglyphic writing after seeing Mesopotamian writing.
- 2650BC-The first pyramid was built.
- 1670BC-The Hykos people invaded and introduced chariots.
- 1648BC-Nilometers were invented to track the height of the Nile.
- 1343BC-Tutankhamen was born.
- 1334BC-Tutankhamen became pharaoh.
- 1322BC-Tutankhamen died.
- 51BC-Queen Cleopatra's reign began. She was the last Pharaoh of the Ancient Egypt period
- Nov 1922-Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamen's tomb.

