



Ancient Egypt

History Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary

archaeologist	People who discover our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.
pharaohs	The word pharaoh originally meant 'great house', but came to mean the person who resided in it.
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.
pyramid	A geometrical term that refers to part of the burial complexes for Egyptian pharaohs.
hieroglyphs	The term hieroglyph refers to the fact that it is carving for sacred things, but hieroglyphs were also written on papyrus.
scribe	A scribe recorded in writing the everyday life and extraordinary happenings in ancient Egypt.
papyrus	An Egyptian plant whose reeds are slit and placed in layers in order to form paper.
scarab	Scarabs are amulets formed to look like the dung beetle, an animal associated by the ancient Egyptians with life, rebirth and the sun god Re.
mummy	Remains of a body found inside the carved and brilliantly painted burial case known as a sarcophagus.
vizier	The vizier in ancient Egypt was the most powerful position after the king. A vizier was the equivalent of a modern day prime minister.
sarcophagus	Sarcophagus is a Greek word meaning flesh-eating and refers to the mummy case.



scarab



sphinx



death mask



Key Knowledge

- ❑ Tutankhamun was known as the boy king, famous because his tomb was found in 1922
- ❑ The Egyptians were the first civilization to invent writing.
- ❑ Cleopatra was the last pharaoh of Egypt before the Romans took over.
- ❑ The Egyptians were lucky as they lived along the River Nile. This meant that they could use the water to grow crops, to get food from and for soil.