

Knowledge Organiser Pharaohs

Subject Specific Vocabulary	
archaeologist	A person who studies the lives of people in the past.
afterlife	A world the ancient Egyptians believed they would travel to after death.
Giza	Place in Egypt where large pyramids and the Great Sphinx were built.
hierarchy	A system where members of society are ranked according to status.
hieroglyphics	A method of writing used by the ancient Egyptians.
pyramid	A huge, stone tomb built for the wealthy pharaohs of Egypt.
ritual	A fixed set of words or actions that are performed over time, often as part of a ceremony.
civilisation	The society, culture and way of life in a particular area and time.
sphinx	A fictional creature with a body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh/god.
tomb	A stone structure or underground room where someone is buried.
Valley of the Kings	A valley in Egypt where many tombs were built.
pharaoh	King of Egypt (can be male or female).
vizier	An official who was of high importance and served the pharaoh- like modern day prime minister.
sarcophagus	The case in which the mummy was placed for burial.
mummy	Remains of a person who was mummified for burial.
mummification	The process of preserving the body, ready for burial.
papyrus	Egyptian plant, found by the Nile, that was used to create paper.
amulets	Items placed in the sarcophagus to protect the mummy in the afterlife.
canopic jar	Special jars used during mummification to hold some of the removed organs.

Egyptian gods

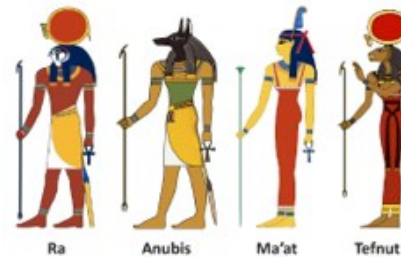
Ancient Egyptians believed that many different gods and goddesses controlled the world. They were thought to look like humans and animals and each god represented a different aspect of life in Ancient Egypt. The Egyptians performed rituals and built temples to honour the gods.

Ra was the most important Egyptian god. He was the god of the Sun and was thought to be reborn every morning.

Anubis was the god of embalming and the dead. He had the head of a jackal and the body of a man.

Ma'at was the goddess of truth, justice and harmony. She symbolised the balance of life on Earth.

Tefnut was the goddess of moisture and the mother of the sky and the Earth. She had the head of a lioness.



Egypt

Egypt is in the north-east corner of Africa and is well-known for its ancient history and culture. Much of Egypt is covered in desert and there is very little rain. The Nile is the main river that flows through Egypt.



Famous pharaohs

Khafra, c2558-2532 BC

Khafra built Giza's second pyramid and his face is believed to be on the Sphinx.



Tutankhamun c1336-1327 BC

Tutankhamun became a pharaoh at only eight or nine years old.



Cleopatra VII c51-30 BC

Cleopatra was the last pharaoh of Egypt and ruled with the help of two leaders, Julius Caesar and Mark Antony.



Sticky knowledge

- Cleopatra was the last pharaoh of Egypt before the Romans took over.
- Tutankhamun, who was known as 'the boy king', was famous because his tomb was found in 1922 by Howard Carter.
- The Egyptians were the first civilisation to invent writing.
- The Ancient Egyptians mummified their dead because of their religious beliefs.