

ANCIENT EGYPTIANS – PHARAOHS (Y5)

Timeline of Key Events:

All dates below are approximate

Old Kingdom: 2600 BC – 2100 BC

Middle Kingdom: 2000 BC – 1650 BC

New Kingdom: 1540 BC – 1075 BC

7500 BC First settlers in Nile valley

3500 BC First use of hieroglyphic symbols

3100 BC Narmer unites regions of Lower and Upper Egypt

2650 BC First step pyramid built

2550 BC Pyramids at Giza built

2335 BC Pyramid texts written (magical spells to protect pharaohs)

1472 BC Hatshepsut becomes caretaker ruler (later declares herself pharaoh)

1336 BC Tutankhamen becomes pharaoh

1279 BC Ramses II becomes pharaoh

1100 BC Upper and Lower Egypt split

332 BC Alexander the Great conquers Egypt

196 BC Rosetta stone carved

30 BC Egypt becomes a Roman Province

1922 AD Carter discovers Tutankhamen's tomb



Famous and Important Pharaohs

1	Narmer	Said to be the first Pharaoh of all Egypt, around 3150 BC. 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
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.

Key Vocabulary

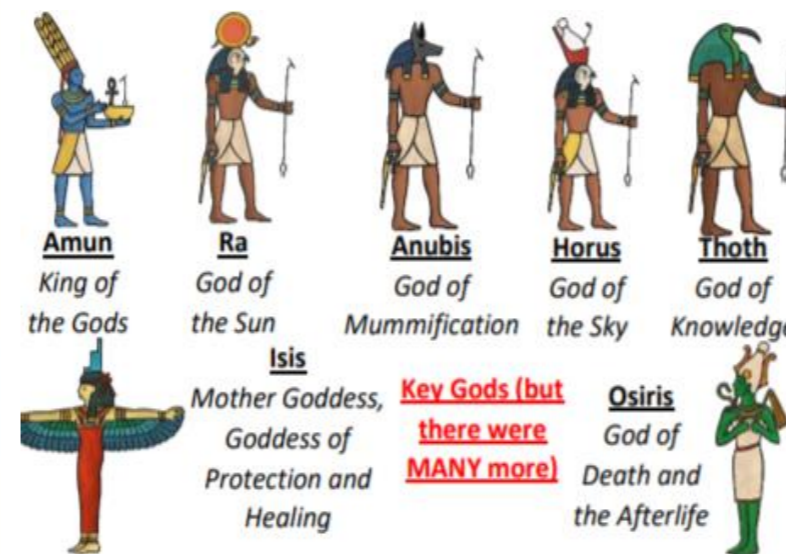
Tutankhamun	King Tut	Cleopatra
Pharaoh	Sarcophagus	Hieroglyph
Tomb	Egypt	Mummify
Sphinx	River Nile	Pyramid

Ancient Egypt

Egypt is located in the north east corner of Africa. The Ancient Egyptians lived along the banks of the River Nile. It was farmers who first settled there around 7500 BC.

Two separate kingdoms developed along the Nile River. The kingdom in Upper Egypt was known as the white crown and the kingdom in Lower Egypt was called the red crown. In about 3100 BC, the Pharaoh of the north conquered the south and Egypt became united. The Pharaoh's name was King Narmer or Menes.

Menes constructed a new capital city called Memphis. In the Greek language, the word Memphis meant 'Balance of the Two Lands'. Egypt was one of the greatest civilisations of the past. The monuments and tombs of their Pharaohs continue to stand intact today, some 4000 years later!



Equality and Diversity Inclusion

Cleopatra – female Pharaohs
 Kara Clooney – female Egyptologist
 Kings of Kush
 Zahi Hawass
 Tutankhamun was disabled

