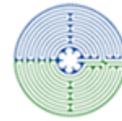




# Knowledge Organiser for Year 3/4 (History)

Key idea: ANCIENT EGYPT



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| <p><b>Tier 3 Vocabulary</b></p> <p><b>Canopic Jars</b><br/><i>Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach</i></p> <p><b>Egyptologist</b><br/><i>An archaeologist who focuses on Ancient Egypt.</i></p> <p><b>Mummification</b><br/><i>The process of preserving a body after death in preparation for the afterlife.</i></p> <p><b>Papyrus</b><br/><i>A plant that grew on the banks of the Nile. It was used as an early version of paper.</i></p> <p><b>Pharaoh</b><br/><i>The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt.</i></p> <p><b>Sarcophagus</b><br/><i>A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin, often richly decorated for Pharaohs.</i></p> <p><b>Pyramids</b><br/><i>Ancient pyramid shaped stone structures built as tombs for the Pharaohs.</i></p> <p><b>Afterlife</b><br/><i>The place Egyptians believed they would go after they died.</i></p> | <p><b>KNOWLEDGE ITEM 1 – Where is Egypt?</b></p>    |
| <p><b>Tier 2 Vocabulary</b></p> <p><b>Dynasty</b><br/><i>A period of rule when a series of leaders all come from the same family.</i></p> <p><b>Tomb</b><br/><i>A large vault, typically an underground one, for burying the dead.</i></p> <p><b>Irrigation</b><br/><i>The supply of water to land or crops to help them grow.</i></p>  | <p><b>KNOWLEDGE ITEM 2 – Language and Communication</b></p> <p>The Ancient Egyptians used picture words and symbols to write. These are called <b>hieroglyphics</b>. It is a very old form of writing that started being used as early as <b>3500 BC</b>.</p>  <p><b>Cartouche</b><br/>An oval carved tablet engraved with a royal name in hieroglyphics.</p>  |
| <p><b>KEY DATES (approximate)</b></p> <p><b>7500 BC</b> – First settlers in Nile valley</p> <p><b>3500 BC</b> – First use of hieroglyphics</p> <p><b>2550 BC</b> – Pyramids at Giza built</p> <p><b>1336 BC</b> – Tutankhamun becomes pharaoh</p> <p><b>332 BC</b> – Alexander the Great conquers Egypt</p> <p><b>196 BC</b> – Rosetta stone carved</p> <p><b>51-30 BC</b> – Cleopatra reigns</p> <p><b>30 BC</b> – Egypt becomes a Roman province</p>  | <p><b>Rosetta Stone</b></p> <p>The Rosetta Stone is a broken part of a bigger stone slab. It has a message carved into it, written in three types of writing. It was an important clue that helped experts learn to read Egyptian hieroglyphs.</p>    |
| <p><b>IMPORTANT PEOPLE</b></p> <p><b>Howard Carter</b> (9 May 1874 – 2 March 1939) was an English archaeologist and Egyptologist. He became world-famous after discovering the intact tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun in November 1922, the best-preserved tomb ever found in the Valley of the Kings.</p>   | <p><b>KNOWLEDGE ITEM 3 – Gods and Goddesses</b></p> <p>Ancient Egypt was polytheistic and believed that gods and goddesses controlled the forces of the human, natural, and supernatural world.</p>    |



The area of land near the River Nile that flooded was known as the **Black Land**. Areas further away were known as the **Red Land**. The Ancient Egyptians relied on the Nile's flood to grow crops and farm.