

Threshold Concepts

Chronology
Enquiry
Communication
Interpretation



Ancient Egypt - terms 1 & 2



Knowledge Areas

Main Events	Society	Culture	Conflict	Travel	Industry	Impact of significant people/events	Beliefs	Vocabulary	Sources of Information
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Key Vocabulary

afterlife	A life that some people believe begins when you die.
Valley of the Kings	A place where pharaohs were buried for nearly 500 years. Tutankhamun's famous tomb is located here.
River Nile	The main river which runs through Egypt. It is one of the longest rivers in the world.
hieroglyphics	A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols.
mummification	The process of preserving a body, for example by rubbing it with special oils and wrapping it in cloth.
papyrus	A kind of paper made from the stem of a plant, which ancient Egyptians used to write on.
pharaoh	A king or queen of ancient Egypt.
pyramids	Huge stone structures which were built to house a pharaoh's tomb.
Tutankhamun	One of the most famous pharaohs.
archaeologist	A person who studies ancient objects (artefacts) to understand what people of the past were like and how they lived.

Society

- Layout and key features of an Egyptian town
- Hierarchy of Egyptian society (Pharaoh, priests, scribes, soldiers, farmers, slaves)
- Ancient Egyptian houses – rich vs poor

Travel Importance of the River Nile and the Mediterranean Sea

Culture Use of hieroglyphics, ancient Egyptian art, role of make-up, clothing and masks. Role of the pyramids.

Beliefs Gods and their roles. Places of worship. Mummification and the afterlife.

Impact of significant people/events Detailed look at Cleopatra and Tutankhamun. Discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922.

Sources of Information

- Variety of reference books from school library
- Class books: *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx*, *The Story of Tutankhamun*
- Videos and short documentaries
- photographs of ancient Egyptian ruins
- Virtual tours of ruins
- maps

Main Events	3100 BC – people settle near the River Nile	3500 BC – first use of hieroglyphics	2500 BC – Great Sphinx and Giza pyramids built
1300 BC – Tutankhamun buried in Valley of the Kings	332 BC – The Greek ruler, Alexander the Great, conquers Egypt	30 BC – Cleopatra dies and the Romans conquer Egypt	1922 AD – Howard Carter discovers Tutankhamun's tomb