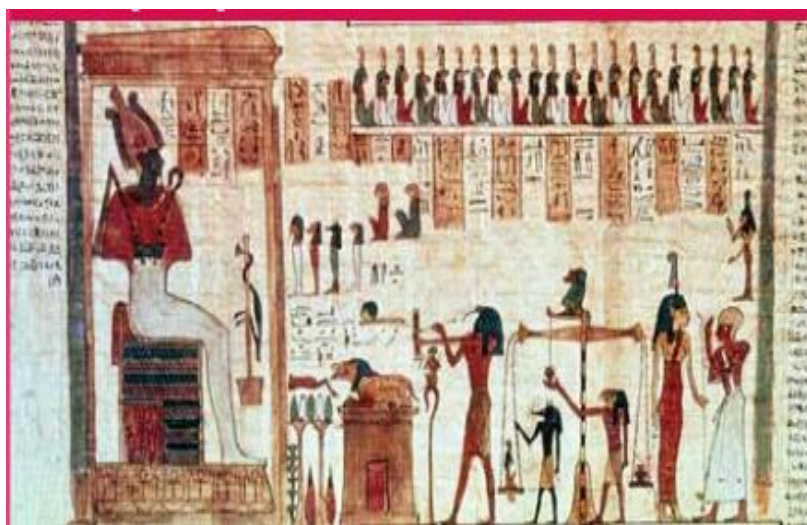


Key Dates

Dates are approximate	
7500 BC	Early settlers arrived in the Nile valley (pre-historic Egypt).
3150 BC	Ancient Egyptian civilization began.
2640 BC	The first pyramid is built.
2555 BC	The Pyramids of Giza are built for the kings Kufu, Kharfe, and Menkaure.
2520 BC	The Great Sphinx is built.
2200 BC	First ploughs are attached to oxen.
1539 BC	The New Kingdom began.
1334 BC	The rule of Tutankhamun begins.
51 BC	Cleopatra's reign begins.

Key Events, Facts and People

The Ancient Egyptian civilisation lasted for 3000 years. Egypt is located along the River Nile which was the source of much of Ancient Egypt's wealth. The Nile provided food, soil, water and transportation and annual floods provided irrigation for crops. The Nile also provided mud for bricks and pots, opportunities for fishing, papyrus reeds and a key means of transport.



Key Vocabulary

Book of the Dead	A long sheet of papyrus containing a series of written spells which guided the dead to the afterlife.
civilisation	A large group of people with a common language, way of life and governance.
historically significant	A person or event that deserves attention.
pyramid	Named after its shape, a large stone tomb built for a pharaoh.
River Nile	The longest river in the world, along which the ancient Egyptian civilisation developed.
sarcophagus	A decorated stone coffin, used in ancient Egypt.
preserve	To prevent a body from decaying.

Key Questions

- Who were the Egyptians and when did they live?
- Who were the ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses?
- Why and how did the Egyptians build the pyramids?
- How and why did the Egyptians mummify people?
- What does the Book of the Dead tell us about ancient Egyptian beliefs?
- What did the ancient Egyptians believe?

Unit Outcomes

- ✓ Identify the ancient civilisations and key periods in ancient Egypt.
- ✓ Describe the physical features of Egypt.
- ✓ Explain the Egyptian creation story.
- ✓ Identify the characteristics of important gods or goddesses.
- ✓ Explain why the pyramids were built.
- ✓ Identify the stages and challenges of building a pyramid.
- ✓ Explain the links between ancient Egyptian beliefs and mummification.
- ✓ Name sources that can be used to find out about ancient Egyptian beliefs.
- ✓ Explain some Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife.

Links to other Subjects

Reading - Secrets of a Sun King - Emma Carroll. Ancient Egypt - History for Kids Meet the Ancient Egyptians - James Davies

English - Writing a setting description based on the desert and the pyramids from the point of view of the main character.

English - Instruction writing for mummification
Persuasive Text

English - Persuasion—Why should you visit Egypt?

D&T - Mechanisms - Create a factual pop-up Egyptian book.

Art - Paper mache death masks. Decorated with Egyptian patterns.

The Egyptians gave us

Although the Egyptian alphabet is no longer used today, they were the first civilization to use symbols to represent individual sounds. Egyptians initially used hieroglyphs written onto papyrus to express their ideas in writing. This inspired other civilizations to develop similar materials, leading to the invention of paper by the Chinese Dynasty in 100 BC.

