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Vocabulary

Canopic Jars

Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach

Egyptologist

An archaeologist who focuses on Ancient Egypt.

Mummification

The process of preserving a body after death in preparation for the afterlife.

Papyrus

A plant that grew on the banks of the Nile. It was used as an early version of paper.

Pharaoh

The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt.

Sarcophagus

A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin, often richly decorated for Pharaohs.

Pyramids

Ancient pyramid shaped stone structures built as tombs for the Pharaohs.

Afterlife

The place Egyptians believed they would go after they died.

Dynasty

A period of rule when a series of leaders all come from the same family.

Tomb

A large vault, typically an underground one, for burying the dead.

Irrigation

The supply of water to land or crops to help them grow.

KEY DATES (approximate)

7500 BC - First settlers in Nilevalley 3500

BC – First use of hieroglyphics 2550 BC –

Pyramids at Giza built

1336 BC – Tutankhamun becomes pharaoh 332

BC - Alexander the Great conquers Egypt 196 BC

Rosetta stone carved

51-30 BC - Cleopatra reigns

30 BC – Egypt becomes a Roman province

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Howard Carter (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.



Where is Egypt?



Language and Communication

The Ancient Egyptians used picture words and symbols to write. These are called **hieroglyphics**. It is a very old form of writing that started being used as early as **3500 BC**.



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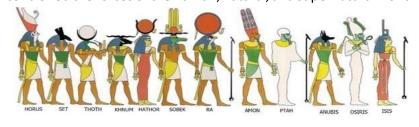
An oval carved tablet engraved with a royal name in hieroglyphics.

Rosetta Stone

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.

GODS AND GODDESSES

Ancient Egypt was polytheistic and believed that gods and goddesses controlled the forces of the human, natural, and supernatural world.



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