

Year 2: The Egyptians

Key Vocabulary	
Term	Definition
Afterlife	The place where Egyptians believed they would go after they died.
Archeologist	A person who studies historical sites by excavating them
Archeology	The study of ancient historical sites
Dynasty	A period of rule when a series of Pharaohs all came from the same family.
Egyptologist	An archaeologist who focusses Ancient Egypt. Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's tomb.
Hieroglyphics	A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols (<i>Right</i>).
Black Land	Area near the River Nile that was often flooded
River Nile	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.
Irrigation	Using water to help crops grow



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Timeline of Key Events:

All dates below are approximate

Old Kingdom: 2600 BCE - 2100 BCE

Middle Kingdom: 2000 BCE - 1650 BCE

New Kingdom: 1540 BCE - 1075 BCE

- 7500 BCE First settlers in Nile valley
- 3500 BCE First use of hieroglyphic symbols
- 3100 BCE Narmer unites regions of Lower and Upper Egypt.
- 2650 BCE First step pyramid built
- 2550 BCE Pyramids at Giza built
- 2335 BCE Pyramid texts written (magical spells to protect pharaohs)
- 1472 BCE Hatshepsut becomes caretaker ruler. (Later declares herself pharaoh)
- 1336 BCE Tutankhamen becomes pharaoh
- 1279 BCE Ramses II becomes pharaoh
- 1100 BCE Upper & Lower Egypt split
- 332 BCE Alexander the Great conquers Egypt
- 196 BCE Rosetta stone carved
- 1279 BCE Ramses II becomes pharaoh
- 30 BCE Egypt becomes a Roman Province
- 1922 CE Carter discovers Tutankhamen's tomb

Area near the River Nile that flooded was known as the **Black Land**. Areas further away were known as the **Red Land**. They relied on the Nile's flood to grow crops and farm



Key knowledge	
Identify the African continent on a map or globe.	Identify key pharaohs Rameses II Tutankhamun [Cross-curricular connection with Visual Arts Year 2]
Understand the climate in Africa and its influence on vegetation, particularly in the Sahara Desert [Cross-curricular connection with Science Year 2]	Identify key features in the Ancient Egyptian culture and religion Pyramids Mummies Great Sphinx Animal gods Hieroglyphic writing
Understand the importance of the Nile River, floods and farming	

Famous & important Pharaohs

Tutankhamun	Youngest Pharaoh, famed for his burial tomb in the Valley of the Kings
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!

Egyptian Gods and Goddesses

