



# LKS2 History Knowledge and Skills Organiser

## Journey to Ancient Egypt

### Key Knowledge and Skills

#### Who were the Ancient Egyptians?

Egypt is a country in Africa. People have lived in that region for thousands and thousands of years. We call them the Ancient Egyptians. They settled around the Nile River and built pyramids that you can still see there today.

#### How do we know about the Ancient Egyptians?

We know about ancient Egyptian life because of evidence such as the pyramids, the artefacts that were found there and methods of communications such as the use of hieroglyphics and papyrus rolls.

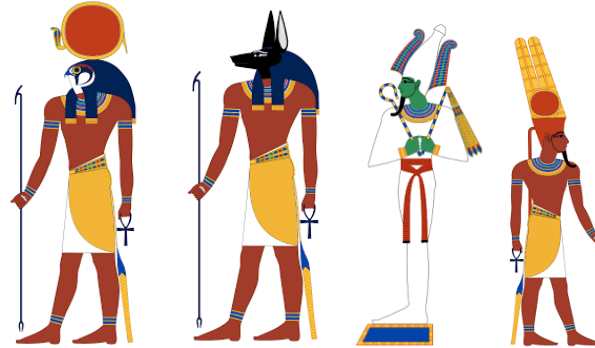
#### What is mummification?

Mummification was the process of preserving a body - this process was very important to the Egyptians as they believed this would prepare the body for their journey into the afterlife. The bodies of important people, such as pharaohs, were placed in these pyramids, which were built as tombs.

#### What religions did they believe in?

Religion was very important in Ancient Egypt. They believed in different gods and goddesses that were in charge of different parts of their lives. These were called deities. They believed that people would live on after death in the "after life".

Each God and Goddess represented something different and some were more important than others. **Ra** - God of the Sun, **Anubis** - God of the Dead, **Osiris** - God of the Underworld and **Amun** - God of the Air



Ra

Anubis

Osiris

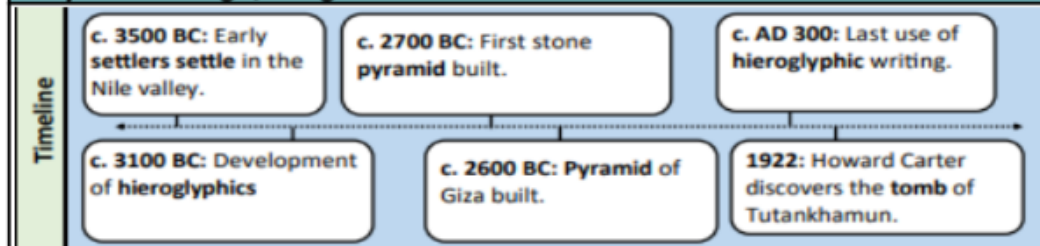
Amun

### Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Afterlife	The place where Egyptians believed they would go after they died.
Canopic jars	Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach
Dynasty	A period of rule when a series of Pharaohs all came from the same family.
Egyptologist	An archaeologist who focuses Ancient Egypt. Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's tomb.
Hieroglyphics	A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols
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.

### Roman Timeline

#### Key Knowledge/Diagrams



Tutankhamun - Pharaoh of Ancient Egypt

