

Y3 Ancient Egypt

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Key Knowledge	What do I already know?
ancient	Existing for many years.	<p>Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest and most powerful civilizations in the history of the world.</p> <p>The civilization of Ancient Egypt was located along the Nile River in northeast Africa.</p>  <p>The Egyptians were the first civilization to invent writing.</p> <p>Cats were considered sacred in Ancient Egypt.</p>	<p>I know that Africa is the world's second largest continent. (Y2)</p> <p>I know that Egypt is a country in Africa. (Y2)</p> <p>I know that North Africa has a desert climate with high temperatures and very little precipitation. (Y2)</p> <p>I know that a canal is a man-made waterway. (Y3)</p> <p>I know that it is believed that Moses led the Jews out of slavery in Egypt. (Y3)</p>
archaeologist	People who discover our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.		
canopic jar	During the process of mummification, all of the major organs were removed and placed in canopic jars.		
Cleopatra	The last pharaoh of Egypt.		
desert	A very dry, sandy area with few or no plants growing in it.		
hieroglyphics	The formal writing system used in Ancient Egypt.		
mummy	Remains of a body found inside the carved and brilliantly painted burial case known as a sarcophagus.		
papyrus	An Egyptian plant whose reeds are slit and placed in layers in order to form paper.		



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pharaoh	A ruler in ancient Egypt.	Tutankhamun was known as the boy king, famous because his tomb was found in 1922.
pyramid	Pyramids were built as tombs for pharaohs and their queens.	
River Nile	Provided water for the Egyptians and the yearly floods fertilized the soil so that their crops grew well.	Pharaohs believed that they needed treasure to be buried with them to help them in the afterlife.
sarcophagus	A Greek word meaning flesh-eating and refers to the mummy case.	
scribe	A scribe recorded in writing the everyday life and happenings in ancient Egypt.	
sphinx	A mythical figure of ancient Egypt having the body of a lion and the head of a man, a ram, or a hawk.	
vizier	The most powerful position after the king. A vizier was the equivalent of a modern day prime-minister.	Ancient Egypt plays a major role in the Bible. The Israelites were held captive there as slaves for many years.



scarab



sphinx



death mask