

Knowledge Organiser for Year 3 & 4

Topic: Temples, Tombs and Treasures

Key questions:

- When did the ancient Egyptians live?
- What was life like in ancient Egypt?
- Who were the rulers of ancient Egypt?
- What was life like in ancient Sumer?

Key facts and figures

Ancient Egypt

- The ancient Egyptians lived from around 5000 years ago.
- They settled by the River Nile for its flooding that happened every year and fertilised the soil around it.
- They worshipped many gods in their world.
- The ancient Egyptians left behind some great monuments that can still be seen today, such as the pyramids.
- For 3000 years, the people of ancient Egypt were ruled by pharaohs (basically kings or queens).
- Pharaohs were seen as living gods.
- One of the most well-known pharaohs is called Tutankhamun. His tomb was discovered by the famous archaeologist Howard Carter. It was one of the richest finds in history!













Ancient Sumer

- The Ancient Sumerians lived in Sumer from 4000BC.
- The Sumerians built large cities and invented a written script.
- Ordinary people lived in mud brick houses in the cities, crowded tightly together.
- Sumerians believed in many gods that took human form:
- Different cities had their own gods, although the same god might be acknowledged in other cities:
 - In Eridu, Enki was the god of water, thought to have brought humans the arts and sciences.
 - In Nippur, Enlil was the god of air or lord of the ghost land who gave humans spells to use on spirits.
 - In Larsa and Sippar, Utu was the sun god.
 - In Ur, Sin was the moon god.
- They grew barley, wheat, chickpeas, lentils, dates, onions, garlic, lettuce, leeks and mustard.



Did you know...?

There were many rulers in Ancient Egyptian times.

<p>Pharaoh Narmer. First Pharaoh. 2900 BCE</p> 	<p>Queen Hatsheptut. A female ruler who wore a beard in order to appear strong. She ruled on behalf of her baby son. 1480 BCE</p> 	<p>Pharaoh Amenhotep IV (Akenaten). He banned worship of the Old Gods and only let people worship Aten (the sun). 1350 BCE</p> 	<p>Pharaoh Tutankhamun The boy king, who was made King at the age of 9. He allowed people to worship the old Gods again, and make the capital of Egypt Thebes once more. 1330 BCE</p> 	<p>Pharaoh Ramesses III Ramesses III defeated the Sea People and the Libyans. He is known as the last Great Pharaoh. 1180 BCE</p> 
<p>Pharaoh Tutmoses I. Made the valley of the Kings. 1500 BCE</p> 	<p>Pharaoh Tutmoses III. Most successful military Pharaoh. He made Egypt much bigger through 17 invasions. 1479 BCE</p> 	<p>Queen Nefertiti The main wife of Akenaten. She was very intelligent and wise. She helped to make important decisions. Some people think she ruled for a short time after Akenaten's death but no-one is sure. 1350 BCE</p> 	<p>Pharaoh Ramesses II Known as Ramesses the Great. He defeated the Hittites at the battle of Kadesh. He ruled for 67 years and made Egypt safe for many years. 1275 BCE</p> 	<p>Queen Nefertari. Wife of Ramesses II</p> 

Key Vocabulary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.C. – Before Christ / A.D. – Anno Domini • Ancient Egypt / Ancient Sumer • Pharaoh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mummification • Pyramid • Hieroglyphics |
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