

Ancient Egypt (Howard Carter)

Civilisation and Significant Person



Quick Facts



- Egypt is in Africa and the River Nile runs through Egypt.
- In 1922 Howard Carter discovered the tomb of King Tutankhamun.
- Ancient Egyptians left pictures, artefacts, writing and statues behind.
- **Pharaohs** ruled during this civilisation.



Vocabulary

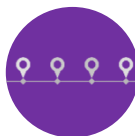


Archaeologist



Someone who studies the past by exploring old remains.

Timeline



3500 BC: Early settlers settle in the Nile valley.
3100 BC: Development of hieroglyphics
2700 BC: First stone pyramid built.
2600 BC: Pyramid of Giza built.
AD 1922: Howard Carter discovers the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Mummification

If a dead body is mummified, it is preserved, for example by rubbing it with special oils and wrapping it in cloth.

Society

The members of a community or group considered together.

Hieroglyphs



Symbols in the form of pictures which are used in some writing systems.

Rosetta Stone



The Rosetta Stone is a stone with writing carved into it.

Pharaoh



A ruler of Ancient Egypt

Pyramids



Ancient stone buildings with four triangular sloping sides.

Sarcophagus

A carved stone coffin

Afterlife

Life after death

Civilisation

An advanced stage of development of a society as judged by such things as having a system of government and laws, using a written language, and keeping written records.

Impact



The River Nile was an important source of water in a hot and dry desert landscape. It enabled the Ancient Egyptians to grow lots of crops.



The Ancient Egyptians were experts at farming and construction because they were very inventive. They invented a solar calendar (a calendar based on the sun) and a writing system called hieroglyphs.

Egyptian society was very **hierarchical** - this means that some groups of people were deemed more important than others.

The Ancient Egyptians also believed in a never-ending afterlife. They thought it was more important than their life on Earth, so they spent a lot of time planning for their death.

The Ancient Egyptians preserved the bodies of important people through mummification. They built special tombs to be buried in, which they filled with all their favourite things. Some pharaohs built their tombs in the shape of giant pyramids.

Howard Carter

Howard Carter was an English **archaeologist** who found King Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922.

Surrounding Chronology



New Stone Age
4500BC – 2500BC

Rule of Tutankhamun begins
1336BC

**Howard Carter discovers
Tutankhamun's tomb** 1922AD
1922AD - NOW

Ancient Egypt
3100BC – 30AD

Modern Britain
1945AD - NOW