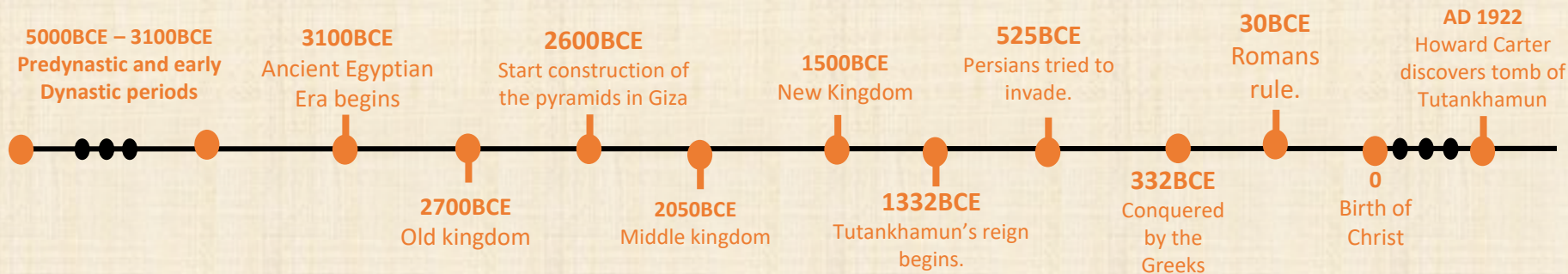


# Who were the Ancient Egyptians ? Why did something so successful end?



- Egypt is located in Northeast Africa and the capital city is called Cairo.
- The climate is hot and arid, but the Nile would flood each year leaving rich black soil.
- The river Nile is the longest river in the world flowing over 4000 miles through Africa to the Mediterranean Sea.
- People settled near the Nile as it was a useful source of water for drinking, washing and watering crops.



- Men and women in Egypt had separate roles and women weren't allowed to work in government positions.
- Children went to school and had lessons all day.
- Pharaohs set the taxes and laws so the country ran smoothly.



- We know about Ancient Egypt from archaeologists excavating the tombs where pharaohs were buried along with their weapons, clothes and jewellery.
- The valley of the kings along the river Nile has 60 tombs that have been excavated.
- Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922.
- Tutankhamun came into power in 1332 BCE at the age of 9.
- Cleopatra was the last Pharaoh to rule before the Romans took over in 30 BCE.

- Ancient Egyptians traded with their neighbours by travelling along the Nile.
- River Nile was an excellent and plentiful source of food.
- The rich had houses with big rooms and pools containing fish.
- They wore light, cool clothes because it was very hot and also they wore makeup and jewellery.



- Egypt was repeatedly invaded from 720 BCE onwards.
- The Persian empire tried to take over in 525 BCE and had little respect for Egyptian culture and religion.
- The Greeks seized control under Alexander the Great in 323 BCE
- In 30 BCE Cleopatra was ruling Egypt for the Greeks but angered the Romans so they invaded and Egypt was taken over.



**Civilizations-** a human society with its own social organization and culture

**Era-** An extended period of time the years of which are numbered from a fixed point or event..

**Tomb-** a vault, chamber or grave for the dead.

**Mummification-** to preserve the body of a human or animal.

**Pharaoh-** a king of Ancient Egypt.

**Pyramid-** ancient stone buildings with four triangular sides and a square base.

**Descendants-** a person who is related to someone from an earlier generation.

**Government-** the system or form by which a community is ruled.

**Source-** the point or place from which something originates.

**Empire –** a group of countries controlled by one ruler.

**Invade -** entering a place or country by force.

**Seize-** to take hold of something quickly.



- Egyptians believed in many gods and goddesses as well as the afterlife.
- Ancient Egyptians mummified their the dead to make their bodies last as long as possible – death was not the end.
- They built pyramids to protect their bodies and treasure after they died. The first pyramid was believed to have been built in 2,640 BCE.
- The great pyramid took 20 years to build and was 147 metres tall and used 2.3 million blocks.
- Three most famous pyramids were built at Giza and named after a Pharaoh.