

Ancient Egypt

ENQUIRY LEARNING QUESTION:
WHY WAS THE RIVER NILE SO IMPORTANT FOR ANCIENT EGYPTIAN CIVILISATION?

KEY VOCABULARY

River Nile	Sahara Desert	hieroglyphs
pyramids	Giza	Valley of the Kings
archeologist	embalm	mummification
afterlife	canopic jars	natron
amulets	scarab	tomb
sarcophagus	death mask	netherworld
ritual	funeral	Book of the Dead
Great Devourer	Field of Reeds	soul
Imsety	Hapi (Hapy)	Duamutef
Qebehsenuf	Cleopatra	Tutankhamun

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN DEITIES

RA

God of the sun and supreme creator, often depicted as a falcon-headed man with a sun disk.



OSIRIS

Ruler of the underworld and judge of the dead; depicted as a mummified king.



ISIS

Goddess of magic, motherhood and protection; wife of Osiris and mother of Horus.



HORUS

Sky god, son of Isis and Osiris, symbolizing kingship and protection.



ANUBIS

Jackal-headed god of embalming, mummification and guide of souls to the afterlife.



MA'AT

Goddess of harmony, justice and truth; represented as a young woman with an ostrich feather on her head.



HATHOR

Goddess of love, music and fertility, sometimes represented as a cow.



AMMIT

A goddess who devoured hearts that failed to balance with the feather of truth during judgement.

