

A N C I E N T E G Y P T

Vocabulary

Mythology: A collection of myths belonging to a particular religion or culture. **Civilisation:** The society, culture and way of life of a particular religion or culture. **Dynasty:** A succession of rulers from the same family. **Pharaoh:** The ruler of Egypt. **Hieroglyphs:** The ancient system of using pictures as a system of writing. **Mummification:** The process of embalming a body after death to keep it lifelike. **Sarcophagus:** An old stone coffin. **Scribes:** An educated person who could read and write. **Afterlife:** The life after death where you take your buried belongings with you.

Hieroglyphs

Hieroglyphs were the formal writing system used. They combined logos, symbols and alphabetic elements with around 1,000 distinct characters.

They were used on wood, papyrus and stone.



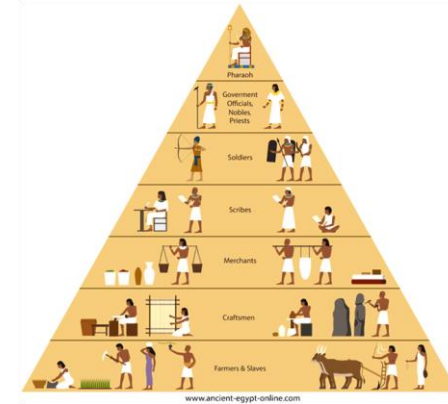
Pyramids

The pyramids have stood for thousands of years. Each pyramid was built for a different pharaoh. The largest pyramid at Giza is 455 feet tall. It is made of more than 2 million stones.

The Egyptians built pyramids as monuments to the pharaohs and as tombs designed to protect a pharaoh and his belongings after they died.



The Social Structure



Mummification

Mummification took about 70 days to complete. All internal organs, except the heart, were removed. The body is stuffed, wrapped in strands of linen and placed in a stone coffin called a sarcophagus.

Timeline

3500 BC First settlers arrive on the Nile	3100 BC Upper and Lower Egypt is united	2686 BC Old Kingdom begins	2560 BC Pyramid of Giza is completed.	1975 BC Middle Kingdom begins.	1520 BC New Kingdom begins.	1341 – 1353 BC Tutankhamun is Pharaoh	525 BC Persians invade Egypt	332 BC Conquered by Alexander The Great
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