

## UU Egyptian Explorers Summer Term Topic

### Key information

The Ancient Egyptians ruled over 5000 years ago and lasted for 3000 years.

Pharaohs ruled Egyptians and one of the most famous was a boy called Tutankhamun.

Ancient Egypt depended on the waters of the River Nile, which flows through harsh and arid desert. Only the land on the banks of the Nile could be cultivated to support life and farm on. The rest of Egypt was, and is, desert.

The Ancient Egyptians made paper from reeds called papyrus and that is where we get the word 'paper'. They wrote in pictures called hieroglyphics.

The Egyptians were famous for creating magnificent buildings called Pyramids. The Egyptians built over 100 pyramids and some of them were almost 150 meters tall.

Ancient Egyptians believed in several gods and mummified the bodies of wealthy and famous people to send them to the afterlife safely.

**Key figures** – Egyptians believed in many gods and were ruled by Pharaohs.

Tutankhamun - He became pharaoh at the tender age of nine in 1337 BC and reigned during the 18th Dynasty. A team of British archaeologists discovered his tomb in 1922, nearly 3000 years after his death.

### Key Vocabulary

**Pharaoh** – The pharaoh was at the top of the order, and thought to be a god.

**Hieroglyphics** - Pictures the ancient Egyptians used instead of words.

**Papyrus** – Paper that the Egyptians made from reeds to write hieroglyphics on.

**Tomb** – A burial place for many famous Egyptians, including pharaohs.

**Mummification** – The process of preserving the body of a person to allow them to enter the afterlife.

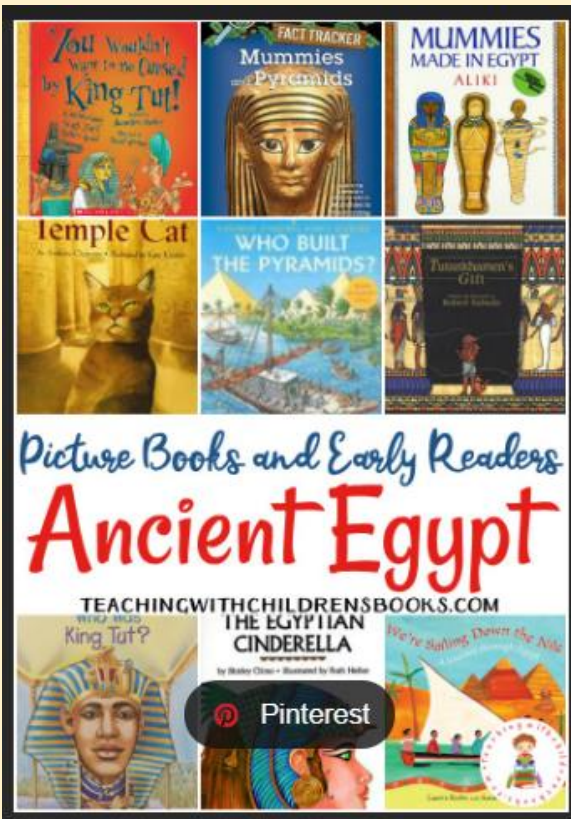


### Key Questions...

1. Where was Ancient Egypt Located?
2. What are hieroglyphs?
3. Who were the pharaohs of Egypt?
4. What is a canopic jar?
5. Who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb?
6. How did the ancient Egyptians live?
7. What is so special about the River Nile?
8. Why did they build pyramids?
9. What is papyrus?
10. How were mummies made?

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### Key Texts:



The Great Pyramids of Giza—contain burial chambers of pharaohs and their queens. Was the tallest man-made structure for almost 4000 years.



Mummification—a process of preserving bodies for use in the afterlife.



**Vertical Drivers: Christian Values**

**School Value: Friendship**

**British value: Tolerance**

The Valley of the Kings—a burial site for many Egyptian pharaohs.



The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods and goddesses who ruled different aspects of their lives—Iris was the goddess of nature, Anubis was the god of death and Ra the Sun God.



Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's burial chamber in the Valley of the Kings



### Further opportunities to extend learning:

Explore an online Ancient Egyptian exhibition. Build a pyramid structure out of materials you have at home.

Use <http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Egypt.html> to discover more about the Egyptians: create your own fact file.

Make your own papyrus paper using recycled paper strips.