

# Year 3 History Knowledge Organiser - Ancient Egypt

## How did the ancient Egyptians live?

- Lived around a vast, deep river full of black mud
- Ruler of Upper Egypt: wore a white crown
- Ruler of Lower Egypt: wore a red crown
- The ruler of Egypt was called the **pharaoh** (also Lord of the Two Lands)
- The **pharaoh** owned the land, made the laws, had officials collect taxes and took charge of defending Egypt
- Egyptians believed **pharaohs** were kings and gods
- Most Egyptians could not read or write
- The Egyptians had slaves
- Black land**: land close to the Nile, used to grow crops
- Red land**: dry land further away from the Nile often mined for metals and stones

## Ancient Egyptian over time

### Old Kingdom

- Djoser lived in Upper Egypt in a city called Thebes
- Djoser ruled Upper and Lower Egypt
- Imhotep (Djoser's friend) built **pyramids**
- Pharaohs** were buried inside **pyramids**
- Capital city, Thebes, moved to Memphis

### Middle Kingdom

- Egypt was growing rich and powerful
- Egyptians began to worship Amun (king of all their gods)
- Pharaohs** were buried in the Valley of the Kings

### The New Kingdom

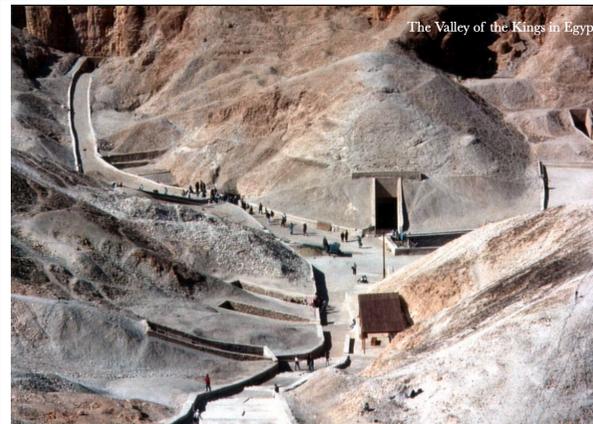
- Strong armies took over more and more land
- Chariots pulled by horses were used in battle
- Egyptians developed better weapons
- Tutankhamun was a **pharaoh** in the New Kingdom

## Howard Carter's Discovery

- 6th November 1922: Howard Carter's last chance to dig up remains
- Howard's team uncovered steps
- A doorway was at the bottom of the steps: **hieroglyphic** writing on the door
- Howard created hole at the top of the door
- Howard saw a room filled with fine objects made of ebony and gold
- Howard discovered the **tomb** of Tutankhamun.



## The Valley of the Kings



## Timeline

2640 BC	The first pyramid was built
1341 BC	Tutankhamun born
1333 BC	Tutankhamun becomes Egyptian king
1323 BC	Tutankhamun died
332 BC	Alexander the Great conquers Egypt
51 BC	Cleopatra becomes Egyptian Queen
31 BC	Egypt comes under Roman Rule
969 AD	Caira established as capital
1922 AD	Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun

## Important People

- Howard Carter - a British **archaeologist** and Egyptologist
- Tutankhamun - an ancient Egyptian pharaoh
- Djoser - ancient Egyptian pharaoh during the Old Kingdom
- Imhotep - created and designed the first pyramid, considered to be the first architect in history known by name
- Amun - king of all the gods



## Vocabulary

1. Archaeologist	A person who studies human history
2. Excavate	Remove earth carefully to find buried remains
3. Tomb	A large vault for burying the dead
4. Hieroglyphics	Writing consisting of symbols
5. Nile	A river flowing through Egypt
6. Pharaoh	A monarch of Ancient Egypt
7. Pyramid	A structure built of stone with a triangular or square base
8. Chariot	A two-wheeled vehicle drawn by horses
9. Ankh	A hieroglyphic symbol that means 'life'
10. Afterlife	Life after death
11. Underworld	The supernatural world of the dead
12. Decay	Rot or decompose
13. Preserve	Protect and keep something in its original or existing state
14. Embalm	Preserve from decay