



# Y3 Knowledge Organiser – Ancient Egypt

This unit will introduce Year 3 students to the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. They will learn about the culture, traditions, beliefs, and achievements of the Ancient Egyptians, and how these have influenced the modern world. This unit is designed to be interactive and engaging, with activities and resources to help students understand the historical context of Ancient Egypt.

## People

Hatshepsut	First and longest-reigning female Pharaoh.
Tutankhamun	Youngest Pharaoh, famed for his burial tomb in the
Ramses II	Often known as Ramses the Great, his mummy still rests in Cairo's Egyptian Museum. Built more statues and temples than any other!
Cleopatra VII	Often considered the last Pharaoh of Egypt. Kept power by making alliances with famous Romans such as Mark Antony & Julius Caesar.

## What should I already know?

Egypt is a country in the continent Africa  
Understand prior knowledge about stone age and make comparisons on how people lived  
Understand climates such as dry and wet. To know what a river is.

## Key Vocabulary

- Pharaoh:** The ruler of Ancient Egypt, who was believed to be a god on earth.
- Hieroglyphics:** A system of writing using pictures and symbols that was used in Ancient Egypt.
- Mummy:** A preserved body of a deceased person that was prepared using a special process called mummification.
- Pyramid:** A large, triangular-shaped tomb built for pharaohs and their queens.
- Nile River:** The longest river in the world, which flows through Egypt and was central to the development of Ancient Egyptian civilization.
- Sphinx:** A statue of a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a human or animal, often found guarding pyramids or temples.
- Ka:** An Ancient Egyptian belief in a spiritual part of the human soul that continued to live after death.
- Scarab:** A beetle that was considered sacred in Ancient Egypt and was often used as a symbol of rebirth and renewal.
- Ankh:** A symbol that represented eternal life and was often worn as an amulet or used in religious ceremonies.
- Obelisk:** A tall, four-sided monument that was often used to mark important events or to honor pharaohs.



**Amun**  
King of the Gods



**Ra**  
God of the Sun



**Anubis**  
God of Mummification



**Horus**  
God of the Sky



**Thoth**  
God of Knowledge



**Isis**  
Mother Goddess, Goddess of Protection and Healing

**Key Gods (but there were MANY more)**

**Osiris**  
God of Death and the Afterlife



Question 1: What does BCE mean	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Before the Common Era		
Before the Community of Egypt		
Before Common Education		

Question 2: What is the name of the river which flows Through Egypt	Start of unit:	End of unit:
River Thames		
River Nile		
River Wynne		
River Kyle		

Question 3: What was the Nile River important to the Ancient Egyptians for?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
a) Transportation and trade		
b) Drinking water and irrigation		
c) Fishing and recreation		

Question 4: What were the pyramids used for in Ancient Egypt?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
a) Cuneiform		
b) Latin		
c) Hieroglyphics		

Question 5: What were the pyramids used for in Ancient Egypt?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
a) As tombs for pharaohs and their queens		
b) As palaces for wealthy citizens		
c) As schools for children		

Question 6: What is the name for the largest and most famous pyramid in Egypt?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
a) The Great Pyramid of Millbrook		
b) The Step Pyramid		
c) The Great Pyramid of Giza		