

Year 3 History

Why were The Egyptians So Successful?

Prior learning

In Year 1 and 2, you learnt about The Victorian era and found comparisons and contrasts with the present. The Victorian era was the period of Queen Victoria's reign from 1837 to 1901.

In Year 3, you have learnt about the prehistoric period of history called The Stone Age. This period ended in approximately 2300 BC.

Future learning

In Year 5, you will learn about two other ancient civilisations: The Romans and The Greeks. You will find comparisons and contrasts with The Stone Age and The Ancient Egyptian civilisation.

In this topic you will:

- Learn about elements of Ancient Egyptian culture and find similarities and differences with the present day.
- Explore the hierarchy of Ancient Egyptian society.
- Discover who ruled over Ancient Egypt.
- Learn about what beliefs the Ancient Egyptians held.

A Timeline of this Period in History

BC - Before the birth of Jesus Christ

AD - After the birth of Jesus Christ

7500 BC	The first settlers arrived in the Nile Valley.
2640 BC	The first pyramid was built.
2555 BC	The Giza pyramids were built for the kings Kufu, Kharfe and Menkaure.
1639 BC	Valley of the Kings starts and pharaohs were buried with their treasures
1332 BC	The ten-year rule of Tutankhamun began.
51 BC	Cleopatra's reign began and the Egyptian civilisation ended.
AD 1	The Birth of Jesus Christ

Key Vocabulary

Pharaoh	A ruler in Ancient Egypt.
Vizier	Someone who supervised the pharaoh in running Egypt
Priest	Priests kept the gods happy and focused on temple tasks.
Craftsmen	Skilled people who made things such as shoes, pottery and jewellery.
The River Nile	A river running through Ancient Egypt.
Mummification	The process of embalming a dead body.
Pyramid	A large monument built in the Egyptian desert.
Hieroglyphics	The writing system used in Ancient Egypt.

