

What was life like in Ancient Egypt?

• Legacy • Society

Year 3 Autumn 1





Hidden Figure - Queen Hatsepsut



She was Egypt's first female leader and as a result she was often depicted as a man. Initially she ruled with her stepson before taking over as ruler. Little was known about her until the discovery of her tomb.

Key historical concepts

- Significance 
- Chronology 



Key Learning

- In 3000 BC, King Menes united two Egyptian kingdoms to build the empire of Ancient Egypt. It lasted until 30 BC when the Romans took over.
- Life revolved around the Nile. Every year it flooded and left behind black silt which enriched the soil. This made the soil perfect for farming. Most people lived along the Nile and this is still true today. The Nile was used for fishing and trade.
- The ancient Egyptians built the pyramids as resting places for the pharaohs. When a pharaoh dies, priests would prepare their bodies with a process called mummification.
- In ancient Egypt, scribes wrote on papyrus. Papyrus was a thick type of paper made from reed that grew along the river. Scribes wrote using hieroglyphs.

Key vocabulary	
Dynasty	A period of time when all rulers came from the same family.
Pharaoh	The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt.
Hieroglyphic	A type of writing that used pictures and symbols.
Mummification	The process of preserving a body after death.
Papyrus	A plant used to make early paper.
Sarcophagus	A large stone box that held a mummy's body. Usually decorated.
Egyptologist	Archeologist that studies Ancient Egypt.

Timeline	
3500BC	First use of hieroglyphic symbols
2550BC	Pyramids at Giza built
1472BC	Hatshepsut becomes caretaker ruler before declaring herself pharaoh.
1336BC	Tutankhamen becomes pharaoh.
332BC	Alexander the Great conquers Egypt.
30BC	Egypt is declared a Roman province.



Big Ideas - Our Learning Journey

Reception Legacy - Nursery Rhymes Society - Memory Box	Year 1/2 Legacy - Great Fire of London, Wright Brothers, Toys Society - Seaside, Great Fire of London, Toys	Year 3/4 Legacy - Romans, Ancient Greece, Anglo Saxons Society - Stone Age to Iron Age, Vikings Empire - Romans	Year 5/6 Legacy - Islam, Mayans Society - Benin, Mayans, Islam, Victorians, Salisbury and WWI Empire - Islam, Benin
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