

Ancient Egypt

Civilisation

Key knowledge



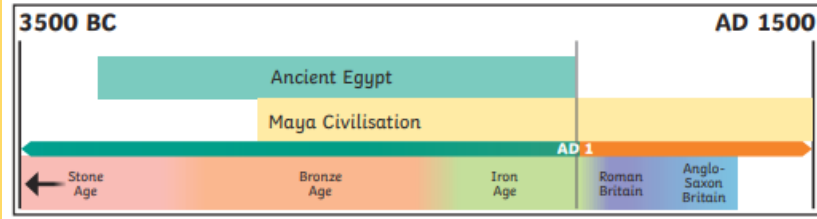
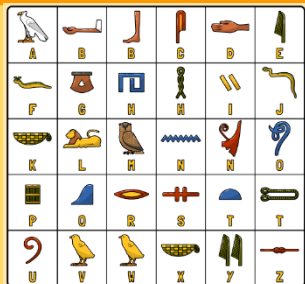
Many people in ancient Egypt chose to be **mummified** when they died. They did this because they believed that they had to preserve their bodies to use in the afterlife. It took about 70 days to complete the mummification process.

We know about the Ancient Egyptians because of evidence left behind from that time, such as wall art, ancient Egyptian writing and **artefacts**. These have been discovered by archaeologists and studied by experts.

The Ancient Egyptians used **hieroglyphics** to write things down. These are symbols that represent sounds or words.

The Ancient Egyptians used to have many different Gods and Goddesses that they would pray to when they needed to.

Egyptian society had a **hierarchy** - this means that some groups of people were thought to be more important than others. Each group had a different role to play in Egyptian society.



Learning Questions

- When did the ancient Egyptians exist?
- How did the ancient Egyptians mummify the dead?
- How do we know how the ancient Egyptians lived?
- How did the ancient Egyptians communicate?
- What were the beliefs of the ancient Egyptians?
- What did ancient Egyptian civilisation look like?



Vocabulary

Ancient	Something from a very long time ago.
Archaeologist	Someone who looks at ancient sites and objects to learn about the past.
Artefact	A historical object that gives clues about the past and how people lived.
Civilisation	An advanced society with its own rules, culture and beliefs.
Empire	A group of countries ruled by a single ruler.
Hierarchy	A way of ranking or ordering people, or things. The pharaoh was at the top of the ancient Egyptian hierarchy.
Hieroglyphics	A system of writing that is made from pictures and symbols instead of letters.
Mummification	The process of preserving a dead body.
Pharaoh	A ruler of ancient Egypt
Scribes	People in ancient Egypt (usually men) who were allowed to learn to read and write.

Where in the world?

