

Year 5 Violet Autumn 1: Why were some people mummified?

Sticky Knowledge

Cleopatra was the last pharaoh of Egypt before the Romans took over.

Tutankhamen was known as the boy king, famous because his tomb was found in 1922. He began his reign at just 7 years old from 1332BC to 1323BC.

Egyptian men and women wore make-up.

The Egyptians were the first civilization to invent writing.

Ancient Egyptians believed that when they died, they would make a journey to another world where they would lead a new life. They would need all of the things that they had used when they were alive, so families would put those things in their graves.

Egyptians spend vast amounts of money to have their bodies properly preserved. Those who were poor were buried in the sand whilst the rich were buried in a tomb.

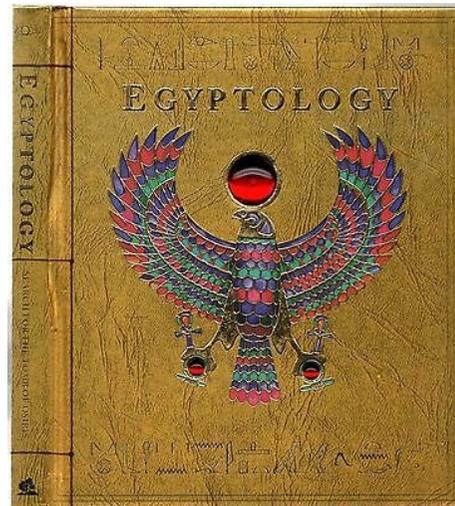
Egyptians grew many crops, the most important being grain used to make bread, porridge and beer. They also grew vegetables and used irrigation.

The river Nile is about 6,670km in length and is the longest river in the world. Fertile soil along the banks of the river was used to produce food for the Egyptians and their animals.

After 6 years of searching, Howard Carter found Tutankhamen's tomb in 1923. He found rooms of treasure!



Key Text



Topic Vocabulary

Archaeologist

People who work out our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.

Pharaohs

The word pharaoh originally meant 'great house', but came to mean the person who resided in it

Tombs

Ancient Egypt is known for its magnificent and beautiful tombs. The most well known are within the pyramids in the Valley of the Kings

Pyramid

A geometrical term that refers to part of the burial complexes for Egyptian pharaohs.

Hieroglyphs

The term hieroglyph refers to the fact that it is carving for sacred things, but hieroglyphs were also written on papyrus.

Vizier

The vizier in ancient Egypt was the most powerful position after that of king. A vizier was the equivalent of the modern-day prime minister

Scribe

A scribe recorded in writing the everyday life and extraordinary happenings in ancient Egypt.

Sarcophagus

Sarcophagus is a Greek word meaning flesh-eating and refers to the mummy case.

Mummy

Remains of a body found inside the carved and brilliantly painted burial case known as a sarcophagus

Papyrus

An Egyptian plant whose reeds are slit and placed in layers in order to form a paper

Scarab

Scarabs are amulets formed to look like the dung beetle, an animal associated, by the ancient Egyptians, with life, rebirth, and the sun god Re.