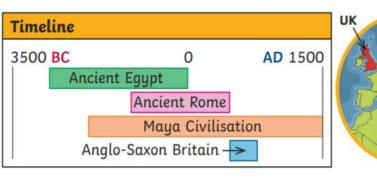
## **ANCIENT EGYPT**



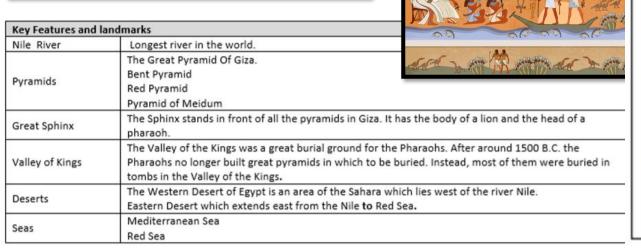






Key vocabulary		
Pharaoh	A ruler in Ancient Egypt.	
Pyramids	A monumental structure with a square or triangular base and sloping sides that meet in a point at the	
	top. The pyramids are the stone tombs of Egypt's kings.	
Irrigation	A supply of water to crops to enable growth.	
Hieroglyphics	A system of picture writing which used symbols (hieroglyphics) instead of letters and words.	
Civilisation	The level of development at which people live together peacefully in communities.	
Inundation	The flooding season	
Mummification	An old-fashioned method of preparing a dead body so that it doesn't decay.	
Archaeology	The study of the graves, buildings, tools and other objects that belonged to people who lived in the	
	past, in order to find out about their lives and society.	
Shaduf	a device used in Egypt and other Eastern countries for raising water, especially for irrigation,	
	consisting of a long suspended rod with a bucket at one end and a weight at the other.	



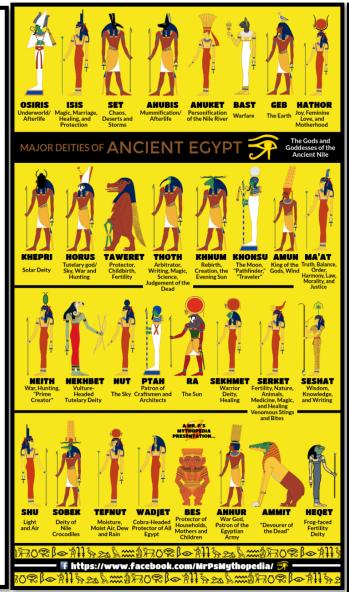


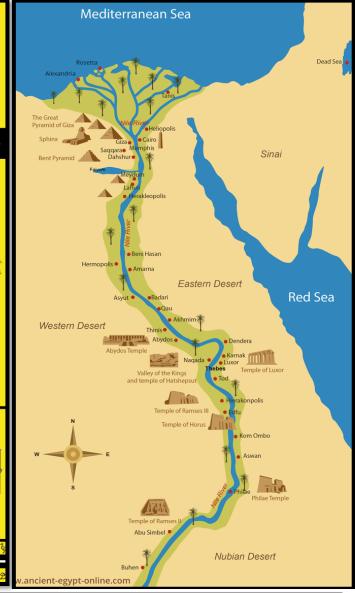
## **Embalming and Mummification**

- 1. Wash the body.
- 2. Pull out the brain through the nostrils with a hook and fill the skull with sawdust.
- Remove all internal organs except the heart. Put them into canopic jars.
- Cover the body in natron salt and leave it to dry for 40 days.
- Remove the natron salt and pack the body with straw, dried grass or linen.
- 6. Apply makeup and fake eyes.
- 7. Wrap the body in linen fabric, adding amulets and a Book of the Dead.
- Place the mummy in a sarcophagus (decorated coffin).



Key Vocabulary		
Rα	Sun god, lord of the gods. Sailed his boat through the sky during the day and through the underworld at night.	
Amun	Created all things. Usually invisible unless mixed with another god, e.g. as Amun-Ra.	
Horus	God of the sky. Pharaoh were believed to be a god-like, living version of Horus.	
Thoth	God of wisdom. Believed to have invented hieroglyphics and to keep a record of all knowledge.	
Ma'at	Goddess of truth. Pharaohs promised to follow Ma'at and be fair and honest.	
Isis	Queen of the goddesses.	
Osiris	God of the dead.	
Hathor	Goddess of love, music and dance.	
Anubis	God of mummification. Weighed the hearts of the dead against Ma'at's feather. If your heart was lighter, you would live forever.	
Sekhmet	Goddess of war, fire and medicine.	





## The Nile

The river Nile was essential to life in ancient Egypt. Every year, it flooded, leaving behind a black silt that enriched the soil for growing crops. The river was also used to irrigate fields in other areas.

Most people lived along and around the Nile. This is still true in Egypt today. The river was used for water, fishing and trade. Mud from the river was used for bricks and papyrus plants were used to make paper.