



Ancient Egypt



afterlife - The place where Egyptians believed they would go after they died.

Akhet - The season of the year when the Nile river flooded. A very important time of year in the desert!

canopic jars - Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach.

dynasty - A period of rule when a series of Pharaohs all came from the same family.

hieroglyphics - A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols.

mummification - The process of preserving a body after death in preparation for the afterlife.

papyrus - A plant that grew on the banks of the Nile. It was used as an early version of paper.

pharaoh - The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt. **sarcophagus** - A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin. Often richly decorated for Pharaohs.

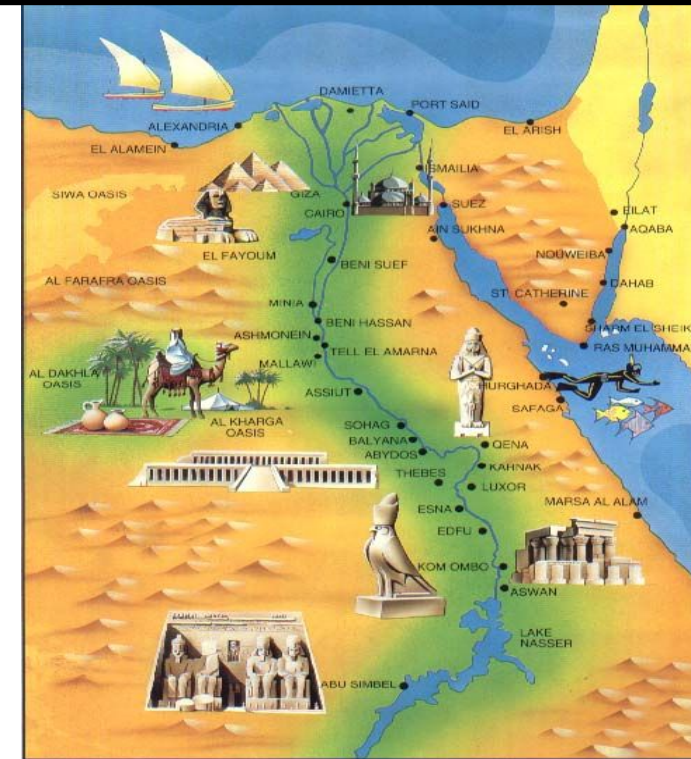
The River Nile - The longest river in the world which provided Egypt with water for farming and many other things.

Timeline

- 3500BC First use of hieroglyphic symbols.
- 2550BC Pyramids at Giza were built.
- 1336BC Tutankhamun became the youngest pharaoh.
- 30BC Egypt was taken over by the Romans.
- 1922AD Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's tomb.



Tutankhamun's death mask.



Map of Ancient Egypt



Hieroglyphics



Canopic jars.



Amun
King of the Gods



Ra
God of the Sun



Anubis
God of Mummification



Horus
God of the Sky



Thoth
God of Knowledge



Isis
Mother Goddess,
Goddess of Protection and Healing

Key Gods (but there were MANY more)

Osiris
God of Death and the Afterlife



Things to talk about at home

- Can you research any other famous pharaohs?
- Why were pyramids built?
- Where in the world is Egypt located?
- What are the different steps to mummify a body?
- Why was the River Nile so important?