Ancient Egyptian History KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY	
Nile	A river that runs through Egypt. It was essential to life in Ancient Egypt
BC	Used to show that a date is before the year 0. This is counted backwards so 200 BC is before 100 BC.
AD	Used to show that a date is after the year 0. this is counted forward, so AD 100 is before AD 200.
Irrigation	A system of canals of channels Egyptians dug to supply water to grown crops over a larger area than the water would reach naturally.
Silt	Fine particles of soil,clay or sand carried and left by water.
Hieroglyphics	A system of writing that used pictures and symbols(hieroglyphs) instead of letters.
Cartouche	An oval shape in which the names of kings and queens were often written in hieroglyphics to show that they were special.
Pharaoh	A ruler of ancient Egypt.

The Nile

Life revolved around the Nile. Every year, it flooded and left behind a black silt that enriched the soil for growing crops. The river was also used to irrigate fields in other areas.

The Nile was used for water, fishing and trade. Mud from the river banks was used to make bricks and papyrus plants were used to make paper.

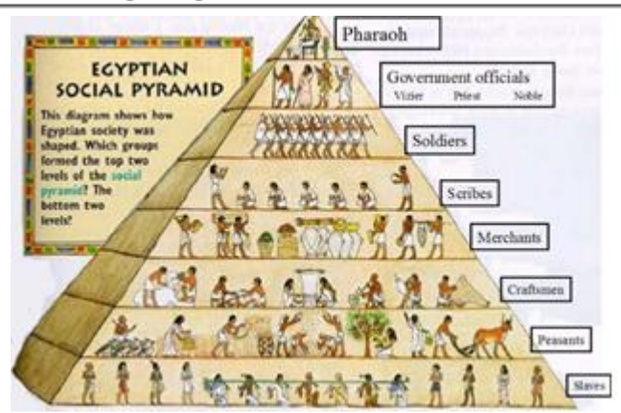
Most people lived along and around the Nile. This is still true in Egypt today.

Key People

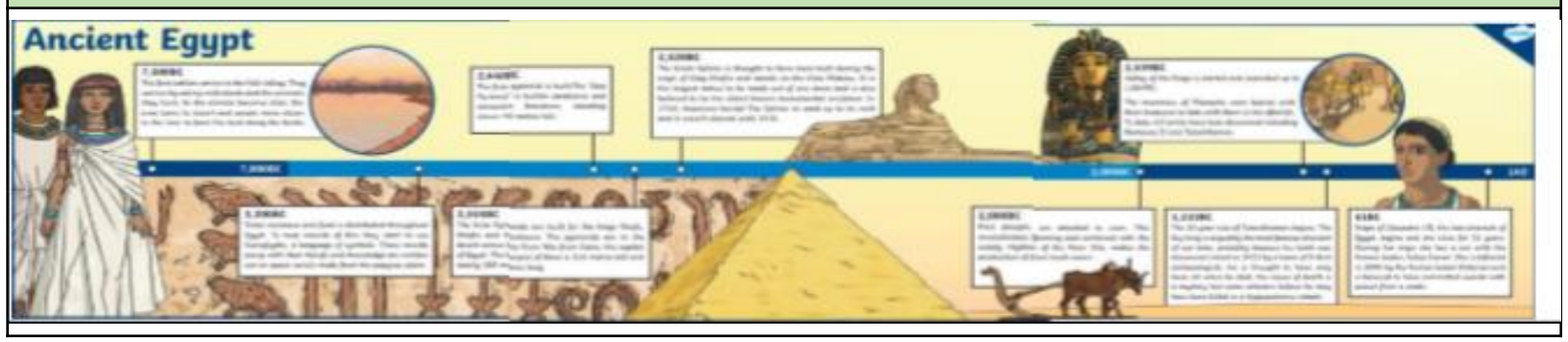
Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt

The ancient Egyptians worshipped many gods and goddesses who were responsible for different aspects of life and death.

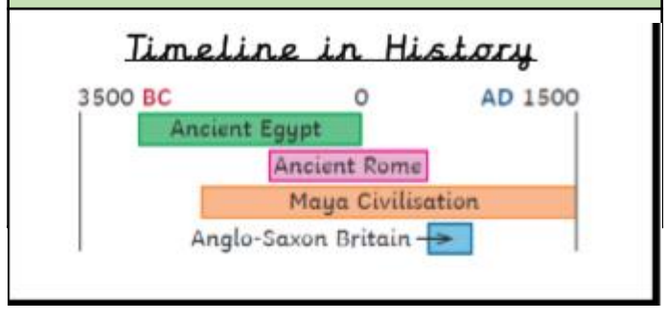
Horus	God of the sky. The ancient Egyptians believed a pharaoh was a god-like living version of Horus.
Thoth	God of wisdom. He is believed to have invented hieroglyphics and kept a record of all knowledge.
Ma'at	Goddess of truth. Pharaohs promised to follow Ma'at and be fair and honest.
Osiris	God of the dead.
Anubis	God of mummification. He weighed the hearts of the dead against Ma'at's feather. If the heart was lighter, the person could pass to the afterlife.



Time Line



Time Line in History



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