

Year 5 Ancient Egypt Knowledge Organiser

What can we find out about Ancient Egypt from the items discovered in King Tut's tomb?

Early Civilisations (Y4) – What have you already learnt about Ancient Egypt?

Ancient Greece (Y6) – What are the similarities and differences?

★ Star Vocabulary ★

Pharaoh: A ruler of ancient Egypt.

Sarcophagus: A stone coffin adorned with a sculpture or inscription

Burial chamber: A large room (below ground) used to bury the dead.

Hieroglyphics: A system of writing that used pictures and symbols instead of letters.

Cartouche: A carved tablet in which the names of Kings and Queens were written in hieroglyphics to show that they were special.

Civilisation: Organised society with its own way of life existing in a particular area over a period of time.

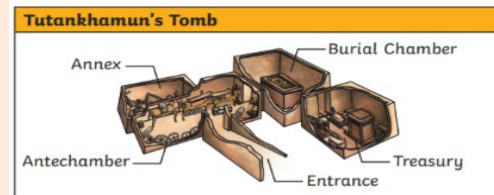
BC: Shows that a date is before the year 0. It is counted backwards, like negative numbers on a number line.



Key Facts

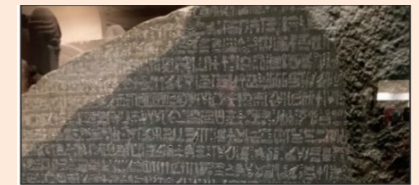


- **King Tutankhamun** was born around **1342 BC** and died around **1323 BC**.
- He was the Pharaoh from approx. 1333 BC to 1323 BC.
- He was known as the '**boy king**' as he became pharaoh aged only 9.
- His tomb was discovered by **Howard Carter** in the Valley of the Kings in **1922**.
- The tomb contained over 3000 treasures.
- Historians believe Tutankhamun died suddenly as the tomb was finished hastily.



Hieroglyphics

- **Hieroglyphs** were written by scribes, who had to go to a special school to learn how to write.
- Hieroglyphs were used for religious texts and inscriptions on statues and tombs.
- The **Rosetta Stone**, discovered in 1799, was written in hieroglyphs and two other languages, including ancient Greek, which language experts could still read and it took 20 years to translate.



Key Skills

- Sequence and structure complex subjects and themes.
- Start to suggest reasons for connections over time and across places and cultures.
- Comment on impact and legacy.
- Select, organise and use information from more than one source to construct an informed response and/or opinion.

