

# Did you know?



## AN EARLY CIVILISATION: ANCIENT EGYPT

The River Nile runs through Egypt and through many other Countries in Africa. The Nile would flood every year and leave behind a rich soil, this was essential for growing crops. Canals led to irrigation of the land.

Boats were used to travel up and down the Nile to trade throughout the country.

The papyrus plants around the river were used to make rope and papyrus, which was the paper of the Ancient Egyptians

Pharaoh Tutankhamun's tomb remained intact with so many treasures inside. He became Pharaoh at the age of 9.

Pharaoh Ramses II built more statues and monuments than any other Pharaoh

Cleopatra VII - Cleopatra VII is often considered the last Pharaoh of Egypt. She maintained power by making alliances with famous Romans such as Julius Caesar and Mark Antony

The Rosetta stone was a special stone that had the same inscription written both in Greek and in Egyptian hieroglyphics. It was very helpful in translating and understanding hieroglyphics.

Ancient Egyptians believed in gods such as Ra (God of the sun) and Osiris (God of the afterlife).

### Vocabulary

**Amulet** - an object to protect its owner from harm or danger.

**Egyptologist** - An archeologist who specialises in Ancient Egypt

**Giza** - A place where several large pyramids and the Great Sphinx were built.

**Hieroglyphics** - a type of writing using pictures and symbols

**Irrigation** - a supply of water to crops to enable growth

**Mummy** - a dead body that has been preserved

**Pharaoh** - the supreme ruler of all of Egypt, considered a god.

**Pyramids** - 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.

**Seas** - Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea

**Sarcophagus** - a large stone coffin for a mummy.

**Sphinx** - a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh.

**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.

