

Year 4 - Hidden Treasures Key Learning

Vocabulary / Key Terms

Irrigation	A system of canals or channels Egyptians dug to supply water to grow crops over a larger area than the water would reach naturally.
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.
BC	Used to show that a date is before the year 0. This is counted backwards, so 200 BC is before 100 BC.

Important Facts

Hieroglyphs were written by scribes, who had to go to a special school to learn how to write. Almost all scribes were men, although there is some evidence of female doctors being able to read hieroglyphs in medical texts

Hieroglyphs were used for religious texts and inscriptions on statues and tombs. They were also used for counting crops and animals so that the right taxes could be taken.

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.

After a period of Anglo-Saxon settlement, a group of people called the Vikings invaded Britain. They came from, what is now, Scandinavia.

The time of the Vikings is generally considered to be between 787 A.D. and 1050 A.D. Initially, the Vikings settled in Northern Scotland and Eastern England.

Important People

Tutankhamun		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born: around 1342 BC • Died: around 1323 BC • • Pharaoh from approx. 1333 BC to 1323 BC • Known as the 'boy king' as he became pharaoh aged only 9 • • Tomb discovered by Howard Carter and his team in the Valley of the Kings in 1922 • Tomb contained over 3000 treasures • • Historians believe Tutankhamun died suddenly as the tomb was finished hastily.
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Egyptian Gods		<p>Ra is the sun god, lord of the gods. Sailed his boat through the sky during the day and through the underworld at night.</p> <p>Amun created all things. Usually invisible unless mixed with another god, e.g. as Amun-Ra.</p>
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Useful websites: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfmwcmn> <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/egypt/ten-facts-about-ancient-egypt/>

Timeline

