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History - Year 4 - Summer

Life in Ancient Egypt ✓

The majority of people who lived in Ancient Egypt were farmers.

The Nile would flood every year and leave behind a rich soil, this was essential for growing crops.

A system of canals that led from the Nile were used to water fields in other areas. This is called irrigation.

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

Mud from around the Nile would be used to make bricks for building with.

Slavery existed in Ancient Egypt, although it was possible to buy freedom.

Other Ancient Egyptians worked in Professional roles such as Doctors and Engineers.

The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods and goddesses who ruled different aspects of their lives—Iris was the goddess of nature, Anubis was the god of death and Ra the Sun God.



Famous Pharaohs ✓

Narmer



Said to be the first Pharaoh of all Egypt, around 3150 BCE. Also known as Warrior Menes.

Khufu



Pharaoh responsible for the building of the Great Pyramid at Giza.

Tutankhamun



Youngest Pharaoh, famed for his burial tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

Ramses II



Often known as Ramses the *Great*. Built more statues and temples than any other!

Cleopatra



Kept power by making alliances with Romans such as Mark Antony & Julius Caesar.

Key Vocabulary ✓

ancient	From a time long past.
artefacts	An object made by human beings.
canopic jar	Jar used during mummification process to hold the body's organs.
excavation	To dig in the ground to discover old buildings or objects that have been buried for a long time.
hieroglyphics	Symbols used by Ancient Egyptians to convey messages.
mummification	A way of preserving a body after death.
papyrus	Paper made from the stems of the papyrus plant.
Rosetta Stone	A broken part of a bigger stone slab. It was an important clue that helped researchers read hieroglyphics.
sarcophagus	Stone coffin.

7500 BC
First settlers in the Nile Valley.

3500 BC
First use of hieroglyphics.

2550 BC
Pyramids of Giza built.

1336 BC
Tutankhamun becomes Pharaoh.

1279 BC
Rameses becomes Pharaoh.

196 BC
Rosetta Stone carved.

30 BC
Egypt becomes a Roman Province.

1922 AD
Carter discovers Tutankhamun's tomb.