

**What I should already know.**

- The Egyptians lived along the River Nile. This meant that they could use the water to grow crops, to get food from and for soil. It was also used for transportation.
- Pyramids and tombs were used for Pharaohs.
- The Egyptians believed in preserving the body which was called **mummification**.
- Cats were very special in Egypt.

**Useful websites**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>  
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Egypt.html>

**Main driver question**

**Why does Ancient Egypt continue to fascinate the modern world?**

**Mini driver questions**

1. What do you know about Ancient Egypt?
2. What can we learn about Ancient Egyptians' lifestyles from artefacts?
3. What was the purpose of Egyptian pyramids?
4. Why was mummification used in Ancient Egypt?
5. Why was the River Nile so important?
6. What was daily life like in Ancient Egypt?
7. What are hieroglyphics and how do we know what they mean?

**Vocabulary**

Word	Definition
artefact	an object, such as a pot or a tool that tells us something about the past
hieroglyphs	Ancient Egyptian writing that uses pictures to represent words
papyrus	Ancient Egyptian paper made from reeds
embalming	the act of preserving a dead body, so it will not decompose
sarcophagus	a stone coffin
ushabti	a statue placed in tombs to serve and take care of the dead
sphinx	has the head of a pharaoh and the body of a lion
scarab	a sacred symbol of a beetle

**Did you know?**

Egyptian men and women wore make-up. It was thought to have healing powers, plus it helped protect their skin from the sun.

**What I should know at the end of the unit**

I should:

- Understand the achievements of the earliest civilizations – an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared;
- Find out about ancient Egyptian life by looking at artefacts and asking perceptive questions;
- Continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods I study by learning about where and when the ancient Egyptians lived;
- Understand the many achievements of the Ancient Egyptians and their impact on today;
- Understand the continuity and change of housing throughout periods of history;
- Note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms by exploring ancient Egyptian societal structures.