

History Knowledge Organiser

Year 5

Spring (i)

What are the Achievements of the Ancient Egyptians?

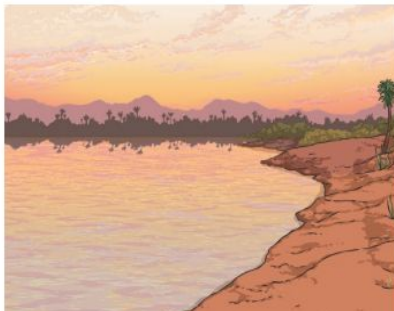
Substantive Knowledge - The Ancient Egyptians era is the oldest early civilisation we study. It is 500 or 600 years older than the Maya civilisation and they flourished at least 1500 years before they did with the building of pyramids, the use of hieroglyphs and irrigation systems.

Timeline of Ancient Egyptians

6000 B.C.E.

3200 B.C.E

2630 B.C.E.



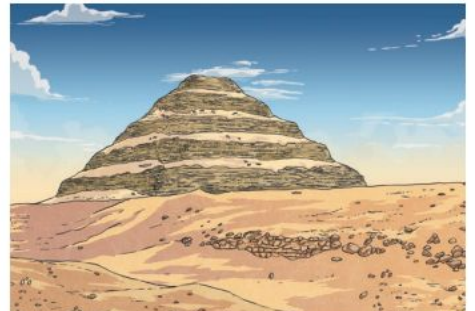
The first permanent settlers lived in the Nile Valley

2560 B.C.E



Hieroglyphs are used to keep trade records

FROM 2603 B.C.E



The first pyramid is built

2000 B.C.E



The Pyramids of Giza are built for the Pharaohs Khufa, Khafre and Menkaure



The Great Sphinx is constructed



First ploughs are attached to oxen

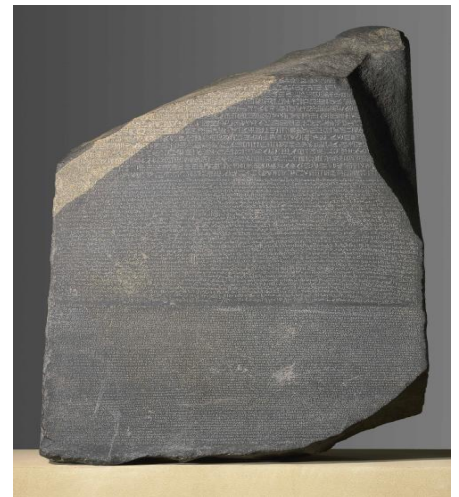
Pyramid Construction



Egyptian pyramid construction techniques seem to have developed over time; later pyramids were not constructed in the same way as earlier ones. Historians believe that huge stones were carved from quarries with copper chisels, and these blocks were then dragged and lifted into position

Hieroglyphic Writing

The Rosetta Stone helped us to decode hieroglyphs. Hieroglyphics is a writing system that uses pictures and symbols instead of letters and words. Hieroglyphs were used in temples, on tombs but also on sheets of papyrus.



The Rosetta Stone

Irrigation Systems

Irrigation allowed the Egyptians to use the Nile's waters for a variety of purposes. Flood waters were diverted away from certain areas, such as cities and gardens, to keep them from flooding. Irrigation was also used to provide drinking water to Egyptians.

Egyptian Make-Up

Egyptians mostly used galena (more commonly known as kohl) and malachite powder (a green mineral) for eye makeup. Galena was a black paint that shielded eyes from the sun, while malachite powder made the eyes appear larger and protected those who wore it. Both were applied using ivory, wood, or sticks made of metal.



Portable Knowledge - What we need to remember

Ancient Egyptian achievements include: pyramid construction; hieroglyphic writing; calendars and irrigation systems (compare to the Maya) as well as ink, make-up and toothpaste.

British early societies were not as advanced as the Ancient Egyptians.

Core Vocabulary

- Irrigation**— a way of supplying water to land or crops
- Hieroglyphs**— a writing system using pictures and symbols
- Papyrus** - early form of paper made from reeds