

Facts about the River Nile

1	The River Nile is one of the longest rivers in the world.
2	It has two branches- the Blue Nile and the White Nile.
3	The Nile floods every year and this leaves a black soil called silt along the river bank. This helped the Egyptians grow food.
4	The Egyptians split the year into three seasons based on the Nile flooding- Akhet, Peret, Shemu.
5	The Nile was used for people to sail up and down trading goods.
6	The ibis was a sacred bird found on the Nile.

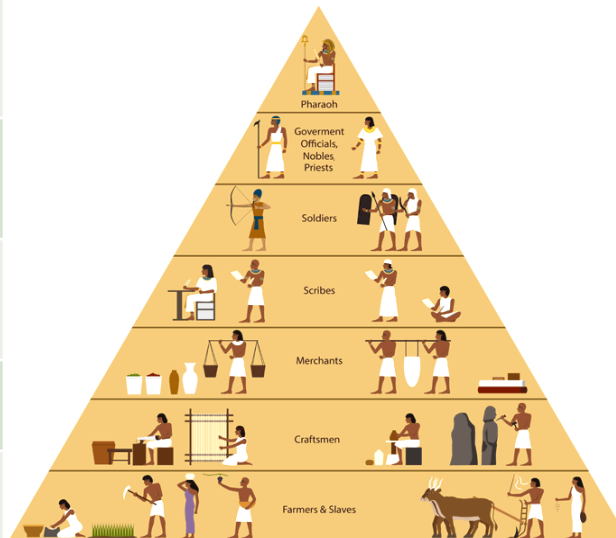
Famous Pharaohs

1	Hatshepsut	Led Egypt through a peaceful time.
2	Tutankhamun	The "boy king" was just nine when he became pharaoh.
3	Akhenaten	Famous for ignoring traditional gods and only worshipping the sun god Aten.
4	Rameses II	Ruled for 66 years. His political and military triumphs made him one of the greatest pharaohs.
5	Nefertiti	Wife of Akhenaten. Thought to be very beautiful and powerful.
6	Cleopatra	Last pharaoh of Egypt before the Romans took over. She was of Greek descent.

Egyptian Gods

1	Ra	The sun god and most important god to the Ancient Egyptians.
2	Isis	Mother goddess. She would protect and help people in need.
3	Osiris	Ruler of the underworld and god of the dead. People believed that Osiris made the Nile flood every year.
4	Horus	God of the sky. He was drawn with the head of a hawk.
5	Thoth	The god of knowledge. He taught Egyptians writing, medicine and mathematics.

Egyptian Social Structure



Vocabulary

1	Civilisation	A civilization is more advanced than a town. It has laws, culture, a regular way of getting food and protecting the people.
2	Excavation	To carefully dig in an area to find buried remains or ruins.
3	Afterlife	The afterlife is a life that some people believe begins when you die.
4	Hieroglyphics	A form of writing that uses pictures of objects to represent words, syllables, ideas or sounds.
5	Papyrus	A type of water reed. The Ancient Egyptians made its stalks into sheets which they used for writing on.
6	Trade	The action of buying and selling goods and services.
7	Tax	Money that you give to those in power to pay for the services they provide.
8	Sanctuary	The innermost part of a temple.
9	Invasion	Moving into a country or region with an armed force.
10	Civil War	A war between the people of the same country.
11	Sacred	Considered to be holy and deserving respect, especially because of a connection with a god.