

## Key Vocabulary

BC	Used to show that a date is before the year 0. This is counted backwards, so 200 BC is before 100 BC.
AD	Used to show that a date is after the year 0. This is counted forwards, so AD 100 is before AD 200.
Pharaoh	A ruler of ancient Egypt.
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.

## Where is Egypt?

Egypt is a large country in Northern Africa and its capital city is Cairo.

## The River Nile



The river Nile is essential to life in ancient Egypt. Every year, it flooded, leaving behind a black silt that enriched the soil for growing crops. Most people lived along and around the Nile. This is still true in Egypt today. The river was used for water, fishing and trade. Mud from the river was used for bricks and papyrus plants were used to make paper.

## Timeline

3100 BC-  
Hieroglyphic  
script developed

2550 BC-  
Pyramids of  
Giza built

1100 BC-  
Upper and  
lower Egypt  
split

30 BC-  
Cleopatra  
VII passed  
away

2650 BC-  
First stone  
pyramid  
was built

2200 BC-  
various  
kings ruled  
Egypt

51 BC- The reign of  
Cleopatra VII began as a  
result of the passing of  
her father

## Rulers

The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt were the supreme leaders of the land. They were like kings or emperors. They ruled both upper and lower Egypt and were both the political and religious leader. The Pharaoh was often thought of as one of the gods. While over thousands and thousands of years there have been many pharaohs, Cleopatra VII and Tutankhamun are the ones in which you may have heard of before. This term however, we will be gaining a greater understanding of Cleopatra VII.



Cleopatra's full name was Cleopatra VII Philopator and she was born in 69 BC. She originally ruled Egypt with her father until he passed away and then she became ruler from 51 BC until her death in 30 BC. Cleopatra was well known for her beauty and was the last reigning Pharaoh of the Egyptian empire.

## Gods and goddesses

Religion played a big part in the lives of the Ancient Egyptians. They believed in a wide variety of gods and goddesses. These gods could take different forms, usually as animals. Below are some of the key Gods and goddesses but there are many more:

### Amun

King of the Gods



### Ra

God of the sun



### Anubis

God of mummification



### Horus

God of the sky



### Thoth

God of knowledge



### Isis

Mother goddess, goddess of protection and healing

