

History KS2 Knowledge Organiser - Year 3/4

Ancient Egypt-What Did the Ancient Egyptians Believe?

What I should already know

- I know that events appear in order on a timeline.
- I know how to use historical sources.
- I know that some people and civilisations are significant in History.

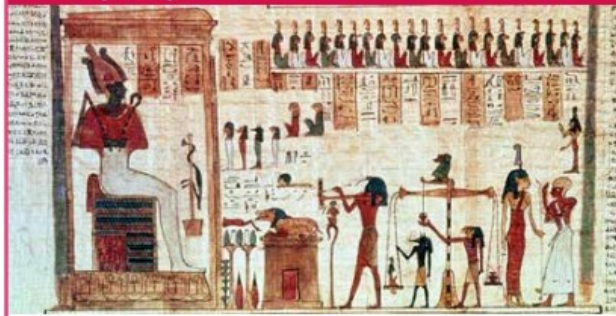
What I will learn (Sticky knowledge)

- I can identify the ancient civilisations and key periods in ancient Egypt.
- I can describe the physical features of Egypt.
- I can explain the Egyptian creation story.
- I can identify the characteristics of important gods or goddesses.
- I can explain why the pyramids were built.
- I can identify the stages and challenges of building a pyramid.
- I can explain the links between ancient Egyptian beliefs and mummification.
- I can name sources that can be used to find out about ancient Egyptian beliefs.
- I can explain some Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife.

What I will learn next

- I will learn about different ancient civilisations and the impact they had such as the Romans and the Greeks.

The afterlife



The Egyptians believed that after a person died, they travelled to the afterlife - a kind of paradise or heaven in which people became immortal. The journey to the afterlife was full of challenges, and at its end, the god Osiris decided whether a person would go to the afterlife or the underworld.

Gods and goddesses

The ancient Egyptians worshipped over 1,500 gods and goddesses, responsible for all aspects of daily Egyptian life. For example, Thoth was the god of writing. Temples were built for the gods, and festivals were dedicated in their honour.



Key Vocabulary

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| Afterlife | Life after the death of a person. |
| Book of the Dead | A long sheet of papyrus containing a series of written spells which guided the dead to the afterlife. |
| Civilisation | A large group of people with a common language, way of life and governance |
| Historically Significant | A person or event that deserves attention |
| Immortal | Able to live forever. |
| Mummification | The Egyptian process of preserving a body, so it could travel to the afterlife. |
| Preserve | To prevent a body from decaying. |
| Pyramid | Named after its shape, a large stone tomb built for a pharaoh. |
| Ra | The ancient Egyptian sun god, who later merged with Atum, the creator god. |
| River Nile | The longest river in the world, along which the ancient Egyptian civilisation developed. |
| Sarcophagus | A decorated stone coffin, used in ancient Egypt. |

