

# Year 5 Ancient Egypt Knowledge Organiser

## Vocabulary

**Amulet** - an object to protect its owner from harm or danger

**Archaeology** - the study of the graves, buildings, tools and other objects that belonged to people who lived in the past, in order to find out about their lives and society.

**Civilisation** - the level of development at which people live together peacefully in communities

**Hieroglyphics** - a type of writing using pictures and symbols

**Inundation** - the flooding season

**Irrigation** - a supply of water to crops to enable growth

**Mummy/ mummification** - a dead body that has been preserved/the process of making a mummy

**Papyrus** - a plant from the banks of the Nile used to make paper, boats, sandals, baskets and rope

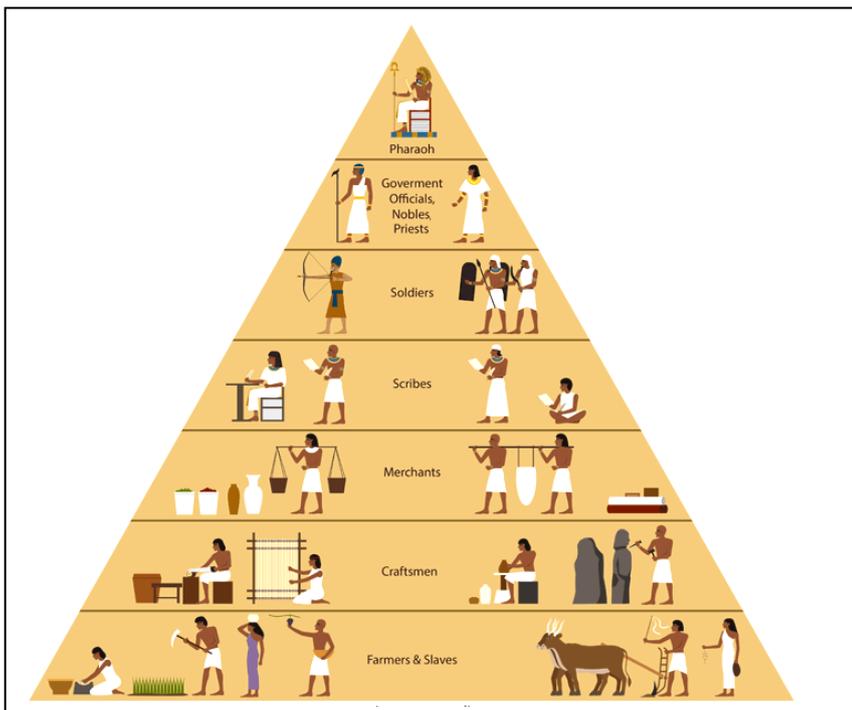
**Pharaoh** the supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt, considered a god  
**Pyramids** monuments providing tombs for pharaohs

**Pyramids** - monumental structure with a square or triangular base and sloping sides that meet in a point at the top. The pyramids are the stone tombs of Egypt's kings.

**Sarcophagus**- a large stone coffin for a mummy

**Sphinx** a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh.

**Shaduf** - a device used in Egypt and other Eastern countries for raising water, especially for irrigation, consisting of a long suspended rod with a bucket at one end and a weight at the other.



I will be able to:

- Locate Egypt
- Explain and describe the importance of the River Nile
- Explain the process of mummification
- Describe the seasons and their importance to farming
- Describe the pharaohs in particular Tutankhamun
- Describe the hierarchy of the Ancient Egypt civilisation

## Key Features and Landmarks

**River Nile** - Longest river in the world.

**Valley of Kings** - The Valley of the Kings was a great burial ground for the Pharaohs. After around 1500 B.C. the Pharaohs no longer built great pyramids in which to be buried. Instead, most of them were buried in tombs in the Valley of the Kings.

**Deserts** - The Western Desert of Egypt is an area of the Sahara which lies west of the River Nile. The Eastern Desert extends east from the Nile to Red Sea.

**Seas** - Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea

SUGGESTED WEBSITES TO FIND OUT MORE:

[www.ducksters.com/history/ancient\\_egypt.php](http://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_egypt.php)

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