

# Year 4 - History Key Knowledge Fact Sheet - Ancient Egyptians

## Key Vocabulary

Mummification	A dead body that has been preserved/the process of making a mummy.
Pharaoh	The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt, considered a god, such as Tutankhamun.
Pyramids	Structure providing tombs for pharaoh's Pyramids - square or triangular base. The pyramids are the stone tombs of Egypt's kings.
Tomb	A large vault, typically underground, for burying the dead.



pyramid



mummification



pharaoh



Tutankhamun



tomb

## Beliefs

The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods, just like the Romans. A ritual they performed was preserving the body ready for burial in the afterlife. They did this through the process of **mummification** of their rulers called **Pharaohs**, such as **Tutankhamun**.

## Sources

Historians compare similarities and differences in accounts of events from different sources, such as a diary and pictures, and decide how useful they are because the information was sometimes different.

**Primary sources** - original first-hand accounts or objects from events in history, such as a **tomb**, jewellery, drawings etc.

**Secondary Sources** - second-hand accounts such as documentaries, text books or websites.

## Egypt

Ancient Egyptians settled (lived and built a community) **by a river (River Nile)** that provided water and fertile soil which meant they could grow crops and have a stable society.



## Continuity and change

### Ancient Egypt

Worshipped many Gods

Built temples/tombs (pyramids)

Mummification of the dead

Lived near the River Nile

Enjoy gold and jewellery

Grew crops

Lead by a **Pharaoh**

### Modern Day Egypt

Only worship one God

Don't build pyramids

Don't mummify people

Live near the River Nile

Enjoy gold and jewellery

Grow crops

Lead by a **President**

## Significance

Egyptians were the first people to write in sentences; they invented the 12 months; created long lasting stone buildings such as **pyramids**, and the first scaffolding.

Historians consider them to be a historically significant civilization.

