

History Topic: the achievements of the earliest civilizations – where and when the first civilizations appeared

Ancient Civilisations: Egypt (about 5000 years ago)



Thundersley Themes for History:



Before: Humans were hunter-gatherers.

What happened: Humans settled in one place. They formed governments and cities, became farmers and wrote things down. (civilisation)

After: They created things that are still important now.

Chronology

The Ancient Egyptian Civilisation developed over thousands of years



People settle along the River Nile.

Writing– hieroglyphics– are used.

Pyramids are built.

They create the calendar, ramps, levers, maths, medicine

'I am a historian' Key Concepts

Enquiry Ask relevant questions– How can we know so much about the Ancient Egyptians? Where can we find different evidence? What does an archaeologists do? What was so clever about the Ancient Egyptians? How did they build the pyramids?

Interpretation Use evidence– physical features of Egypt, pyramids, hieroglyphics, papyrus rolls, artefacts found in tombs - to find out who, when, where, how? What is meant by 'The Gift of the Nile?' What did they believe and how do we know?

Chronology and Communication Use historical vocabulary: civilisation, ancient, ritual, evidence, beliefs.

Knowledge/understanding Describe the events on the timeline. Describe everyday life for men, women and children. Describe what Ancient Egypt had in common with other civilizations from that time.

What? (Key Vocabulary)

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
ancient	Very old
Egyptians	People of Egypt - in ancient times, ruled over by a pharaoh
River Nile	The longest river in Africa.
ritual	A ceremony or action done in a particular and special way

The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China
Ancient Indus Valley India
Ancient Sumer Iraq

