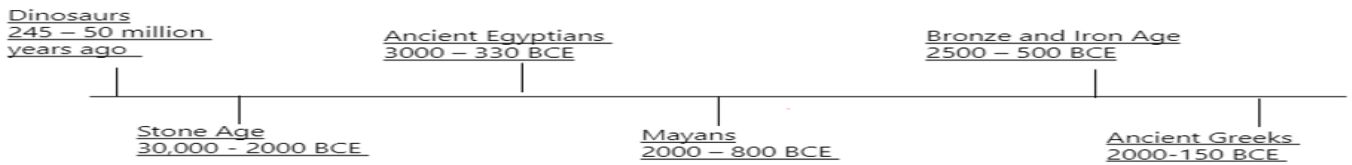


Who were the Ancient Egyptians?

Skills:

- Understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- Identify historically significant events and people.



Key vocabulary:

civilisation	canopic jar
Egyptologist	hieroglyphic
Howard Carter	papyrus
pyramid	pharaohs
mummification	sarcophagus
symbol	myth
River Nile	Akhet
after life	Ramesses II
Tutankhamun	



Must—know knowledge:

- Hieroglyphics is a writing system using symbols. It was invented in Ancient Egypt around 5000 years ago.
- There was a hierarchy (order) of people with Pharaohs being the most important and slaves the least. Others were farmers or builders.
- People's daily lives depended on their social class or their work.
- Most people dressed simply in linen, ate a diet made mainly of grains and vegetables, played sports and board games, and lived in buildings made from mud bricks.
- Pharaohs believed they would become gods in the afterlife so they built pyramids as their tombs with special items and treasures they thought they would need.
- The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods and goddesses. This impacted how they lived their lives, how they treated other people, how they farmed and worked, and all their beliefs about the afterlife.

Key people and quotes:

Howard Carter - Discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun. He is quoted to have said, "It was a sight surpassing all precedent, and one we never dreamed of seeing,"

Tutankhamun - Ruled 1334—1325BC

Ramesses II - Ruled 1279—1213BC

