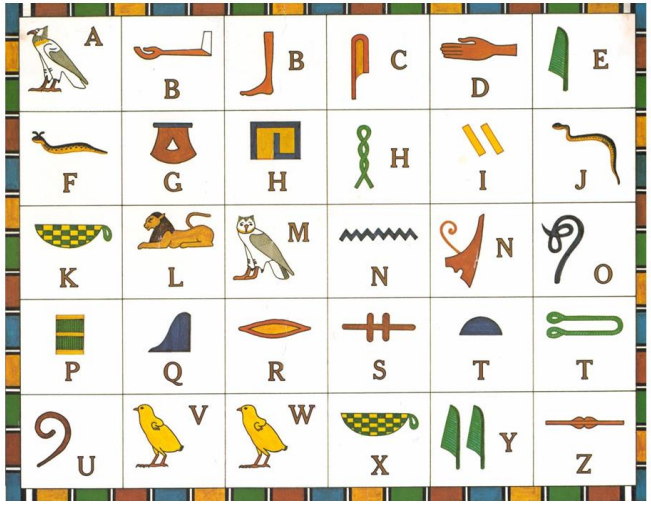
History – Ancient Egyptians – Year 3

Vocabulary Top Ten:

afterlife	the place where the Ancient Egyptians believed they would go after they died
amulet	an amulet is a small object that a person wears, carries, or offers to a god
civilisation	a group of people living together who have developed their own culture/ way of living
confession	admitting that you have done wrong
deceased	dead
embalming	to preserve a corpse from decay by using spices or chemicals
organs	part of the body with a particular function e.g. brain or liver
sacred	holy; to do with God or a god / goddess.
scarab	an ancient Egyptian symbol carved in the shape of a beetle
tribunal	a group of people chosen to hear evidence and give a judgement when there is a problem

Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs



Artefacts


amulet


canopic jars


mummy


pyramid


sarcophagus


scarab

Mummification and Afterlife

Step 1	Announcement of death -a messenger informed people someone's death
Step 2	Embalming the body- the body was cleansed, washed in the Nile with wine or oil
Step 3	Removal of the brain – a long hook was used to pull out the brain. This was then placed in water to dissolve.
Step 4	Internal organs removed – each organ was mummified and placed in a small canopic jar
Step 5	Drying the body out – the body was covered with natron salt and laid out to dry for forty days
Step 6	Wrapping the body – 375 metres of linen material was used to wrap the body and placed in a coffin
Step 7	Final procession – the body was transported across the Nile accompanied by a priest
Step 8	Judgement – the deceased would be judged by Osiris and his tribunal
Step 9	Book of the Dead – the deceased would read from the book of the dead, confessing their sins
Step 10	Afterlife - their heart was weighed and if their confession was true, they were accepted into the afterlife. - If they lied, their heart was thrown to Ammut

Timeline of Ancient Civilisations



Sumer

(earliest known civilization)

5000BCE-1940BCE



Indus

(Ancient India)

3300BCE – 1300BCE



Ancient Egypt

3150BCE – 30BCE



Shang

(Ancient China)

1600BCE – 1046BCE