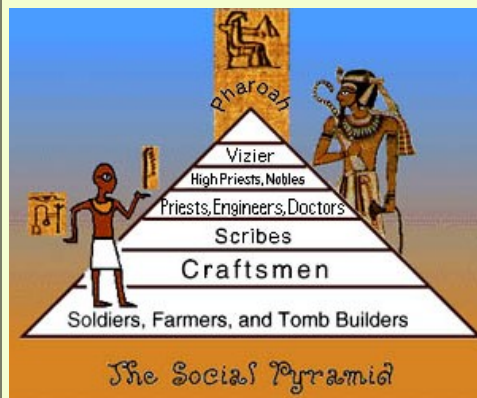


Where in the world is Egypt?



Society



Ancient Egyptian Civilisation
4500BC-332BC

Important vocabulary

Burial Chamber	This is the room that contains the sarcophagus and mummified remains of the Pharaoh.
Hieroglyphs	A carving for sacred things, but hieroglyphs were also written on papyrus.
Mummy	Remains of a body found inside the carved and brilliantly painted burial case known as the sarcophagus.
Papyrus	An Egyptian plant whose reeds are split and then layered to make a type of paper.
Pharaohs	The word pharaoh originally meant 'great house', but came to mean the person that lived in it..
Rosetta Stone	The Rosetta Stone was discovered in 1799. It had hieroglyphs on it, plus two other languages—one of which was Ancient Greek which language experts could still read. They translated the hieroglyphs by comparing the two languages. It took 20 years to translate all the text into modern language!
Sarcophagus	Sarcophagus is a Greek word meaning flesh-eating and refers to the mummy's case.
Tombs	Ancient Egypt is known for its magnificent tombs. The most well-known are within the pyramids at Giza and the Valley of the Kings.

Who was Howard Carter?



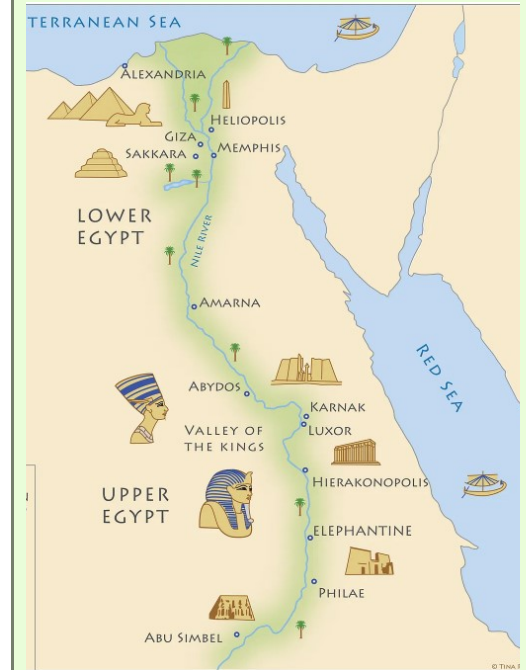
Born in 1874 in London. He was an Egyptologist and is famous for discovering the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922.

What is a death mask?



Death masks were used to cover the face of a person after mummification. They were often made from gold and were elaborately decorated.

The River Nile runs through Egypt and provides valuable water, fertile soil and transport.



What do you notice about where most tombs and pyramids were built? Can you work out why that might be?

Important facts

- Cleopatra was the last pharaoh of Egypt before the Romans took over in approximately 332BC.
- Tutankhamun was known as the boy king, famous because his tomb was found in 1922.
- Most Egyptians inhabited land close to the River Nile.
- The Egyptians were the first civilisation to invent writing.