



When - Timeline of key events

7500BCE	First settlers in the Nile Valley.
3500BCE	First use of hieroglyphic symbols.
2550 BCE	Pyramids at Giza built.
1336 BCE	Tutankhamen becomes pharaoh.
1279BCE	Ramses II becomes pharaoh.
332BCE	Alexander the Great conquers Egypt.
196 BCE	Rosetta Stone carved.
30BCE	Egypt becomes a Roman province.
1922 CE	Howard Carter discovers Tutankhamen's tomb.

Key Vocabulary and Phrases

BCE	Before Common Era
Civilisation	An organised society with its own culture and way of life, existing in a particular area over a particular period of time
Hieroglyphics	A system of writing that used pictures and symbols (hieroglyphs) instead of letters. It was often used for religious texts and inscriptions, as well as for counting taxes. Scribes had to go to a special school to learn how to read and write .
Pharaoh	A ruler of Ancient Egypt.
River Nile	The longest river in Africa which flows through Egypt.
Tomb	A large vault, typically an underground one, for burying the dead.
Decline	The degeneration of (in this case) a society.
Pyramid	A very large structure built especially in ancient Egypt that has a square base and four triangular sides which form a point at the top .
Afterlife	The place where Egyptians believed they would go after death.