

Year 6 Knowledge Organiser - Who built the pyramids?

Vocabulary Dozen

Afterlife	Life after death (an idea in some religions).	Mummification	To make a dead body into a mummy, as by embalming and drying.
Artefact	An object made by people long ago is called an artefact . It's something special that helps us learn about how people lived in the past	Sarcophagus	A sarcophagus is a stone coffin, typically adorned with a sculpture or inscription and associated with the ancient civilizations of Egypt, Rome, and Greece.
Canopic Jar	A canopic jar is a special pot that ancient Egyptians used when someone died. They put it in the tomb (in this case a pyramid) to keep the person's inside parts safe after they were wrapped up like a mummy.	Pyramids	A pyramid is a huge stone building with sides that slope up to a point at the top. Long ago in Egypt, kings and queens were buried inside the pyramids when they died.
Shaduf	A tool for lifting water.	Pharaoh	A Pharaoh is a ruler in ancient Egypt.
Hieroglyphs	Hieroglyphs means "sacred carvings". Formal writing system used in Ancient Egypt.	The Nile	The world's longest river (4150 miles); the Nile River valley in Egypt was the site of the world's first great civilization.

Key Knowledge

The River Nile

In Ancient Egypt, the river Nile was very important! Every year, it spilled a little water onto the land and left soft, black dirt that helped plants grow.

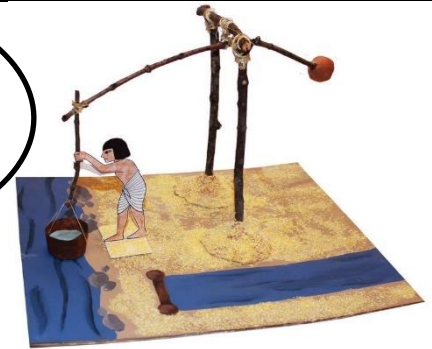


Most people lived close to the Nile because they needed its water to drink, to catch fish, and to ride their boats for trading things.

The mud from the river was used to make bricks for houses, and plants called papyrus were used to make paper. Even today, lots of people in Egypt still live near the Nile!



My name is Menna. I am an Egyptian farmer who lives near the banks of the mighty River Nile.



Shaduf

A long time ago in Egypt, people made a tool called a shaduf. A shaduf helped them lift water from the River Nile and pour it onto their plants so they could grow. It was like a big scoop on a stick! The shaduf made it much easier for people to get water and keep their crops healthy and green.

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