



ANCIENT EGYPT



2650 BC

The first pyramid, a **step pyramid**, is built



1670 BC

The **Hyksos** people invade and introduce the chariot



1539-1070 BC

This was the time of the 'New Kingdom'



332 BC

Alexander the Great conquered Egypt and founded **Alexandria**



3100 BC

King Narmer unites Egypt and records it on the **Narmer Palette** (above)



2250 BC

Egyptians introduce **Gods** for all areas of their lives



1648 BC

Nilometers were invented to track the height of the Nile



1070 BC

Egyptians joined **Ra** and **Amun** to make **Amun-Ra**; King of the Gods



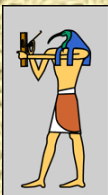
330 BC

Queen Cleopatra kills herself. **Romans** conquer Egypt

Some Gods of Ancient Egypt



Anubis



Thoth



Bastet



Horus



Hathor

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Pharaohs

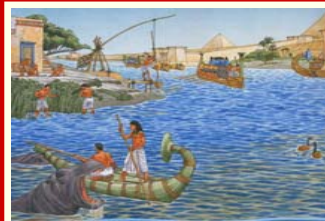
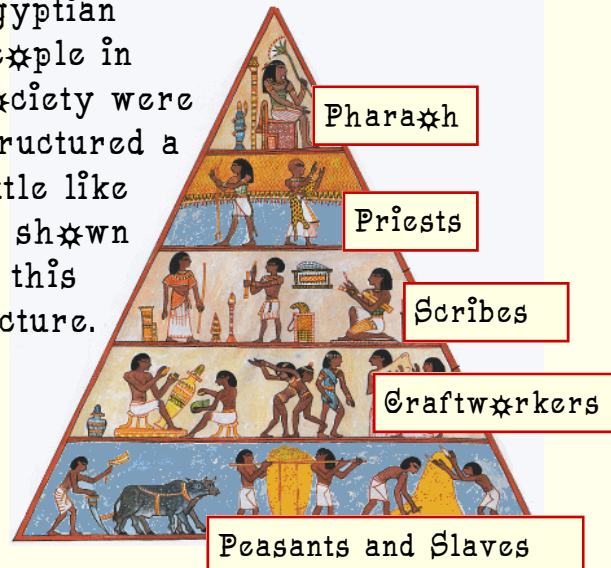
Rulers of Ancient Egypt were called pharaohs. The word 'pharaoh' means great house. The pharaoh was the most powerful person in Egypt and some people considered him a god.



Ramses II ruled Egypt for over 60 years. In that time he fathered 156 children! He was a brave soldier and a great builder.

Society

Egyptian people in society were structured a little like is shown in this picture.



The River Nile was very important to the Egyptians. It provided water for drinking and for crops.



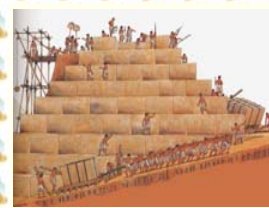
The Great Sphinx at Giza guards the Great Pyramids. It has the body of a lion and the face of a human.

Hieroglyphs



Ancient Egyptians used a system of picture writing called hieroglyphics. Each hieroglyph represented an object or letter. There were about 700 different hieroglyphs.

THE HIEROGLYPHIC ALPHABET



The Pyramids were built using huge stones. Each stone weighed as much as two and a half elephants! The finished pyramids had a white coating to protect the stones underneath.