



Intent: Chronological, Critical and Conceptual

Ancient Egypt: Tomb Raiders!



2500BCE – 332BCE (BCE= Before the common era previously known as Before Christ)

Key Vocabulary

Afterlife- After they died, the ancient Egyptians believed that they would go to an underworld beneath the Earth called Duat. A person's spirit would have to pass through many dangers, such as lakes of fire and poisonous snakes, in order to reach the kingdom of Osiris.

Akhet The season of the year when the Nile river flooded

Canopic jars were created to contain all of the organs, so that upon entering the afterlife, the person would be complete.

Hieroglyphics was a writing system that uses pictures and symbols instead of letters and words.

Papyrus was a weed that grew wildly along the banks of the Nile River. It grew about 10 feet high. It was used to make paper, clothes, shoes, rope and many other items.

Pyramids a large structure built especially in ancient Egypt that usually has a square base and four triangular sides meeting at a point and that contains tombs.

Pharaohs were the supreme leaders of the land. They were like kings or emperors

Sarcophagus was a stone container for a coffin or body

Irrigation is what farmers do when they add water to their fields. The water makes their crops grow. Irrigation takes the place of rainfall in dry regions.



I already know....

Why castles were built.

Who were castles built for?

How the feudal system worked and how it was similar to a hierarchy.

The introduction of the Magna Carta.

What I will know and be able to explain

The River Nile runs through Egypt and through many other countries in Africa. Most people live near the Nile, because the areas around it are mostly desert.

How irrigation worked and that farmers still use it today.

The use of papyrus and hieroglyphics.

Famous Egyptian Pharaohs: Tutankhamun - Often called King Tut Amenhotep III ruled for 39 years of great prosperity. He brought Egypt to its peak of power. During his rule the country was at peace and he was able to enlarge many cities and construct temples.

Ramses II - Often called Ramses the Great, he ruled Egypt for 67 years.

Cleopatra VII - Cleopatra VII is often considered the last Pharaoh of Egypt. She maintained power by making alliances with famous Romans such as Julius Caesar and Mark Antony.

Time Line

2500-2000 BCE	Pyramids were built
2000-1500 BCE	Old Kingdom
1500-332 BCE	Middle Kingdom
New Kingdom 1325 BCE	Tutankhamen was buried in the Valley of Kings.
332 BCE	End of the New Kingdom and Greeks began ruling.
1922 A.D	Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamen's tomb