

ANCIENT EGYPT

KEY FACTS

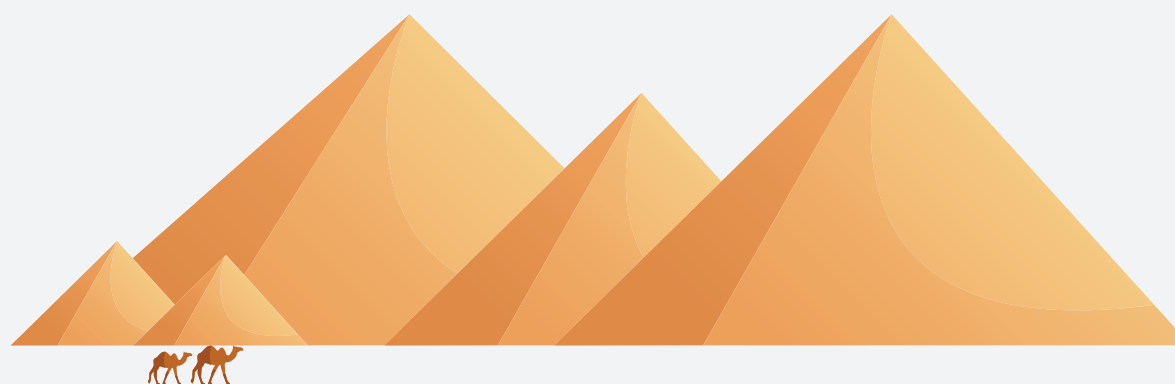


Who were the Ancient Egyptians?

- The Ancient Egyptians settled in northeast Africa in 3100 BC.
- Their rich and diverse civilisation spanned 3,070 years until the death of Cleopatra VII in 30 BC.
- The Ancient Egyptians settled near the River Nile.
- They believed that the Earth was flat and that it floated on a large sea of water.
- The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods.
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The Pyramids

- Most ancient pyramids were built as tombs for pharaohs and their families.
- The pyramids still stand today and are considered 'Wonders of the World'.
- In 1922, an archaeologist called Howard Carter discovered the tomb of a pharaoh called Tutankhamun.



TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS

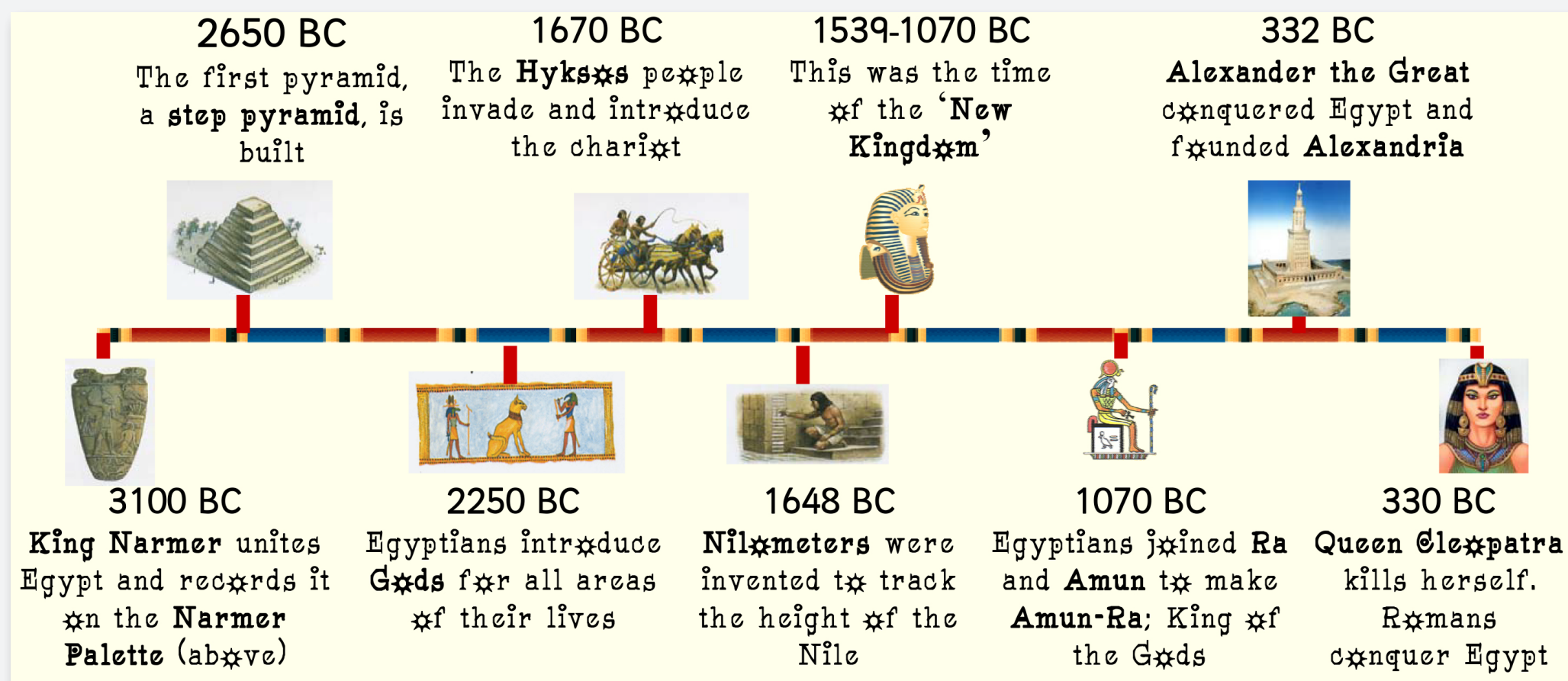


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HOW DID THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS MASTER THE ART OF COMMUNICATION?

- Archaeological discoveries suggest that Egyptian hieroglyphs may be the oldest form of writing. The Egyptian hieroglyphic system is believed to be from about 3300 or 3200 BC.
- In 1799 a French soldier found a special stone in the city of Rosetta. This stone had the same message written in both hieroglyphics and Greek. The Rosetta Stone is on display in the British Museum.

KEY VOCABULARY

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- Pharaohs:** a ruler in Ancient Egypt.
- Civilisation:** the society, culture and way of life of a particular area.
- Hieroglyphics:** Egyptian system of writing made of symbols.
- Myths:** a traditional story, especially concerning the early history of a people.