

# History Knowledge Organiser: *The Egyptians*



## Death mask

Used to cover the face after **mummification**. They were often made from gold and elaborately decorated.

King Tutankhamun's death mask.

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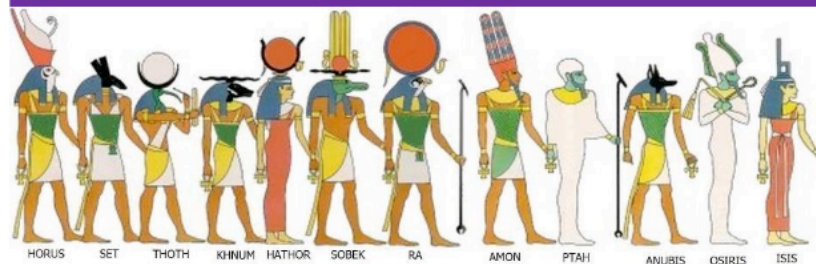
Grew up in **Swaffham, Norfolk** and is an **archaeologist** famous for discovering the **tomb** of **King Tutankhamun** in **1922**.



## Key Vocabulary

<b>Afterlife</b>	The place where Egyptians believed they would go after they died.
<b>Akhet</b>	The season of the year when the Nile flooded. A very important time of the year in the desert!
<b>Canopic jars</b>	Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach.
<b>Dynasty</b>	When a string of <b>Pharaohs</b> all come from the same family.
<b>Hieroglyphics</b>	A type of writing that used a combinations of pictures and symbols.
<b>Mummification</b>	The process of preserving a body after death in preparation for the <b>afterlife</b> .
<b>Papyrus</b>	A plant that grew on the banks of the Nile. It was used as an early version of paper.
<b>Pharaoh</b>	The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt.
<b>Sarcophagus</b>	A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin, often richly decorated for <b>Pharaohs</b> .
<b>Tombs</b>	Egyptians created beautiful and magnificent tombs inside the pyramids.

## Egyptian Gods



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## Ancient Egyptian Timeline



**6000 BC**

Early people settle in the Nile valley



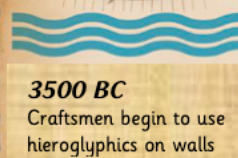
**5000 BC**

Egyptians start farming in the fertile Nile valley



**4500 BC**

Boats become the main form of transport.



**3500 BC**

Craftsmen begin to use hieroglyphics on walls



**3000 BC**

Town and villages are built from mud brick

**2500 BC – Old Kingdom**  
The Great Sphinx and the Great Pyramid of Giza are built



**1550 BC – New Kingdom**

Royal tombs are built in the Valley of the Kings

**1550 BC**

King Tutankhamun was buried.



**332 – 30BC**

Invasions from Greeks and Romans. Cleopatra is the last Pharaoh.

