Ancient Egyptians

## HOLLY CROFTS HOME LEARNING

#### STARTER: THINKING BACK THROUGH HISTORY ...

Have people always been able to: × Write letters to each other? × Talk to each other on the phone? × Send emails to each other?

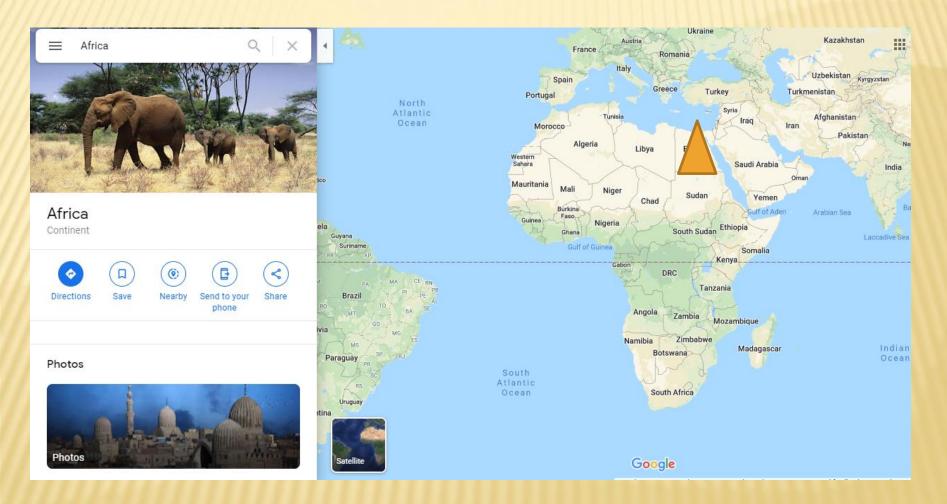




# CAN YOU FIND EGYPT ON A MAP?







# WHAT DO YOU ALREADY KNOW?

× What do you want to know?



# WHEN WAS ANCIENT EGYPT?

Now that we've found Egypt, we need to travel back 5000 years, when the ancient Egyptian civilisation began.

\* Civilisation: An advanced society with lots of structure and organisation.

# WHAT DOES ANCIENT MEAN?

- \* Ancient means that something existed a long time ago in the past, or something that it is very old.
- \* Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest and most powerful civilizations in the history of the world.
- X It lasted for over 3000 years, from around 3150 BC to 30 BC. The civilization of Ancient Egypt was located along the Nile River in northeast Africa.

## QUICK QUIZ

# All early civilisations were built near rivers.

- × Why do you think this was?
- \* Which river was ancient Egypt built near?



## WHO WERE THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS?



# CAVE PAINTINGS

- \* Thousands of years ago, the only way people had of communication was through speaking to each other. Early people lived in caves or shelters. They sometimes painted pictures and symbols on the cave walls. Some historians think that these were just for decoration, but others believe that some of these paintings were messages and ways of telling things to other people.
- × Have a look at some examples. What do you think?

# WHAT DO YOU SEE?

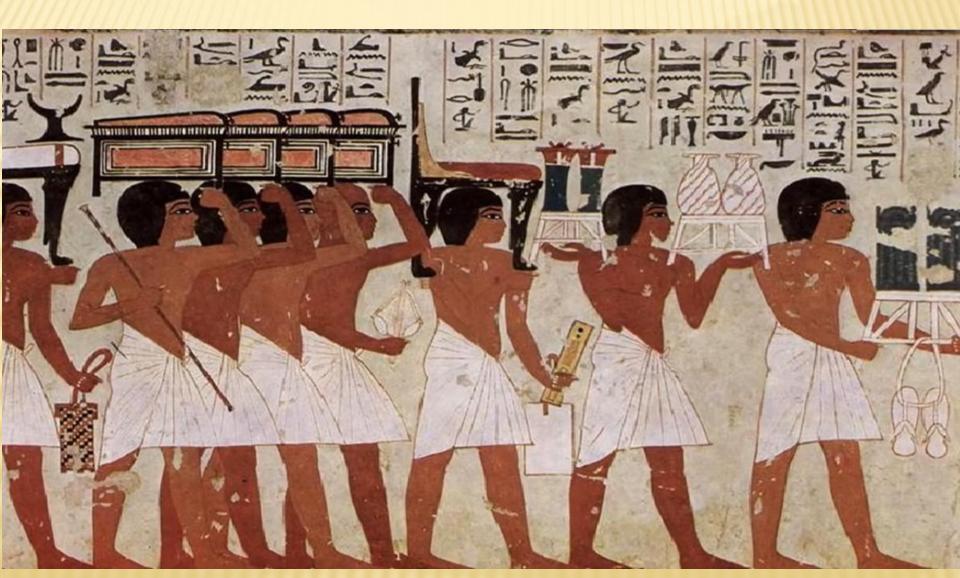








# HOW ARE THESE PAINTINGS DIFFERENT THAN THE EARLY CAVE PAINTINGS?



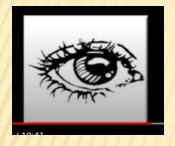
## HIEROGLYPHICS 3000 BC

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- \* Ancient Egyptians used pictures of objects, people and animals to write down their language.
- × They called their writing 'words of Gods'.
- × Hieroglyphic means 'sacred carving'.
- × Although there are over 700 hieroglyphic signs, they only represent consonants.
- × Which letters are not represented?

#### FOLLOW THE LINK AND TAKE THE CHALLENGE



#### CAN YOU WRITE A SENTENCE USING ONLY NOUNS?

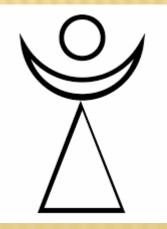


= the word 'eye'

\* Later, symbols came to represent much more than just their picture. They could mean eternal wealth, power or justice.







#### CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANY OF THESE SYMBOLS?



## THEY DIDN'T JUST WRITE ON WALLS

- Although the Ancient Egyptians often wrote on tablets or walls, they also wrote on a type of paper called papyrus. Papyrus paper was made from a tall reed like plant called Papyrus. The Egyptians would use strips of the inner stem of the plant to make the paper.
- Papyrus: a material prepared in ancient Egypt from the pithy stem of a water plant.

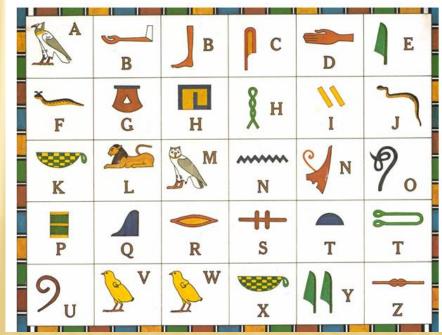
#### THEIR WRITING SYSTEM ENSURED IMMORTALITY



Immortality: The ability to live for ever. Eternal life.

# YOUR TASK:

- Write your name using Egyptian hieroglyphics.
- × Using the worksheet, write a message for someone at home to work out.



# FEELING ARTY?

- \* The ancient Egyptians wrote the names of their gods and royal people in an oval shape called a **cartouche**. The oval shape represents a rope with special powers to ward off evil spirits and keep the name inside it safe.
- × Make your own cartouche at home.







## CHALLENGE:

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This is called the Rosetta Stone and was discovered in 1799, by a soldier in Napoleon's army. Write a fact file about the Rosetta Stone. Include: Headings Subheadings Labelled Illustrations or diagrams Did you know? boxes Fun facts Interesting facts

### HIEROGLYPHIC SONG

# USEFUL WEBSITES

- × Live Lesson: <u>https://youtu.be/NVHCgs2ZkZE</u>
- \* <u>https://www.childrensuniversity.manchest</u> <u>er.ac.uk/learning-</u> <u>activities/history/ancient-egypt/writing-</u> <u>in-hieroglyphs/</u>
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