

# Achievements of the Earliest Civilisations - Ancient Egyptians

Enquiry Question: How much did the Ancient Egyptians Achieve?

Key Vocabulary		Sticky Knowledge
Irrigation		Ancient Sumer: The Sumerians are significant for developing some of the first cities, forms of writing and the wheel.
Achievement		The Indus Valley civilisation: It is significant for its towns, developing trading links and early forms of writing.
Hieroglyphics		The Shang Dynasty: It is best known for its early form of writing, developing a calendar and crafts.
Archaeologist		We know more about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation than the others because there is so much evidence left.
Scribe		The River Nile was important to the Egyptians. It provided transport and trade opportunities, fertile ground for crops and a supply of fresh food and water.
Papyrus		There were three key periods in Ancient Egypt, called kingdoms.
Mummification		The Rosetta Stone helped archaeologists to solve the mystery of the meaning of hieroglyphics.
Agriculture		The tomb of the pharaoh Tutankhamun was discovered in 1922 by the archaeologist Howard Carter.
Sphinx		A pyramid was a tomb to hold the body of a dead pharaoh.
Pharoah		<i>The Book of the Dead</i> was a collection of magic spells placed in the tombs of rich people to give them a safe journey to the afterlife.