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# Ancient Egypt

7,500BC TO 30AD

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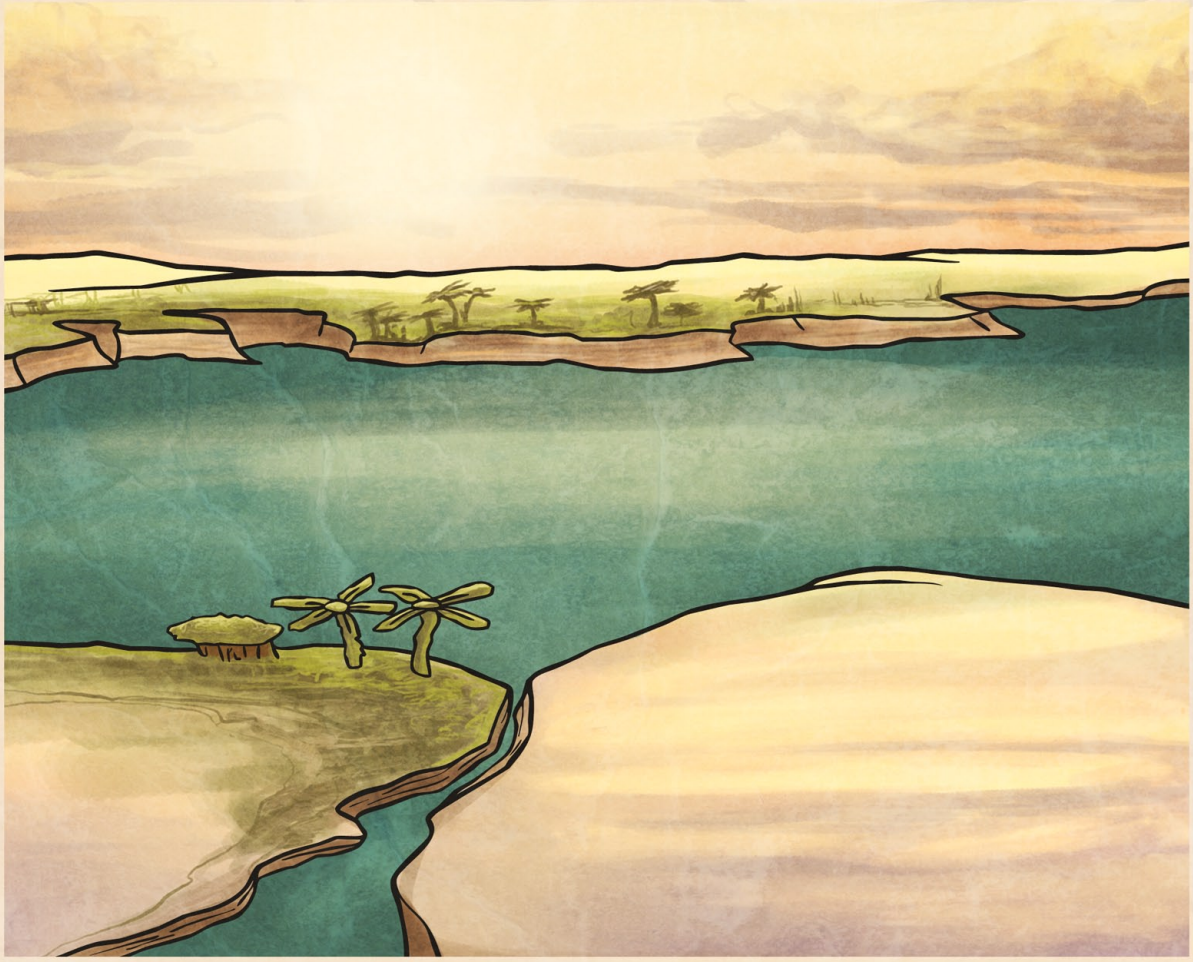
## 7,500BC

The first settlers arrived in the Nile Valley. They survived by eating wild plants and the animals they hunted. As the climate became drier, the area turned to desert and people moved closer to the river to farm the land along the banks.



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## 3,200BC

Trade increased and food was distributed throughout Egypt. To keep records of this they started to use hieroglyphs, a language of symbols. These records along with their beliefs and knowledge were written out on paper scrolls made from the papyrus plant.

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## 2,640BC

The first pyramid is built. The 'Step Pyramid' was built in sandstone and encased in limestone, it still stands at over 70 metres tall.

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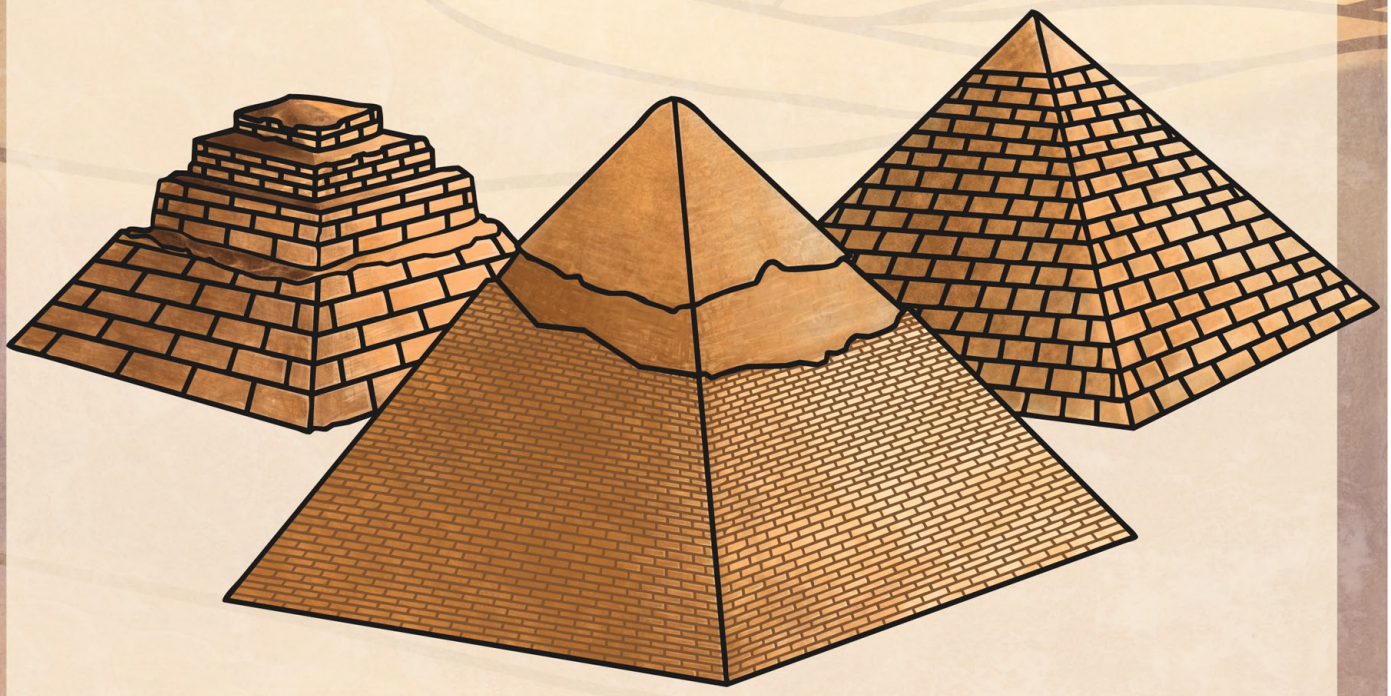
## 2,555BC

The Giza Pyramids are built for the kings Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure. The pyramids are in the desert across the River Nile from Cairo, the capital of Egypt. The largest of these is 146 metres tall and nearly 200 metres long.



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## 2,520BC

The Great Sphinx is thought to have been built during the reign of King Khafre and is located in the Valley of the Kings in Giza. It is the largest statue to be made out of one stone and is also believed to be the oldest known monumental sculpture. In 1798 Napoleon buried The Sphinx in sand up to its neck and it wasn't cleared until 1936.

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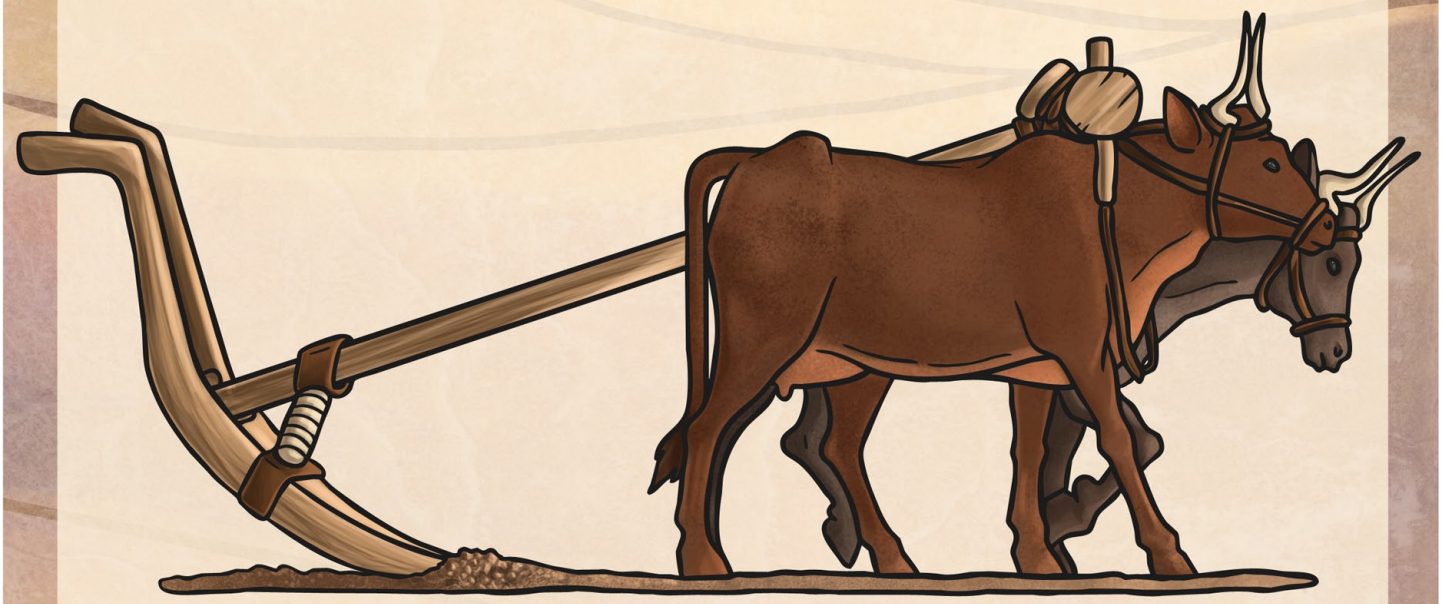
## 2,000BC

First ploughs are attached to oxen. This revolutionised farming and combined with the steady rhythm of the River Nile, made the production of food much easier.



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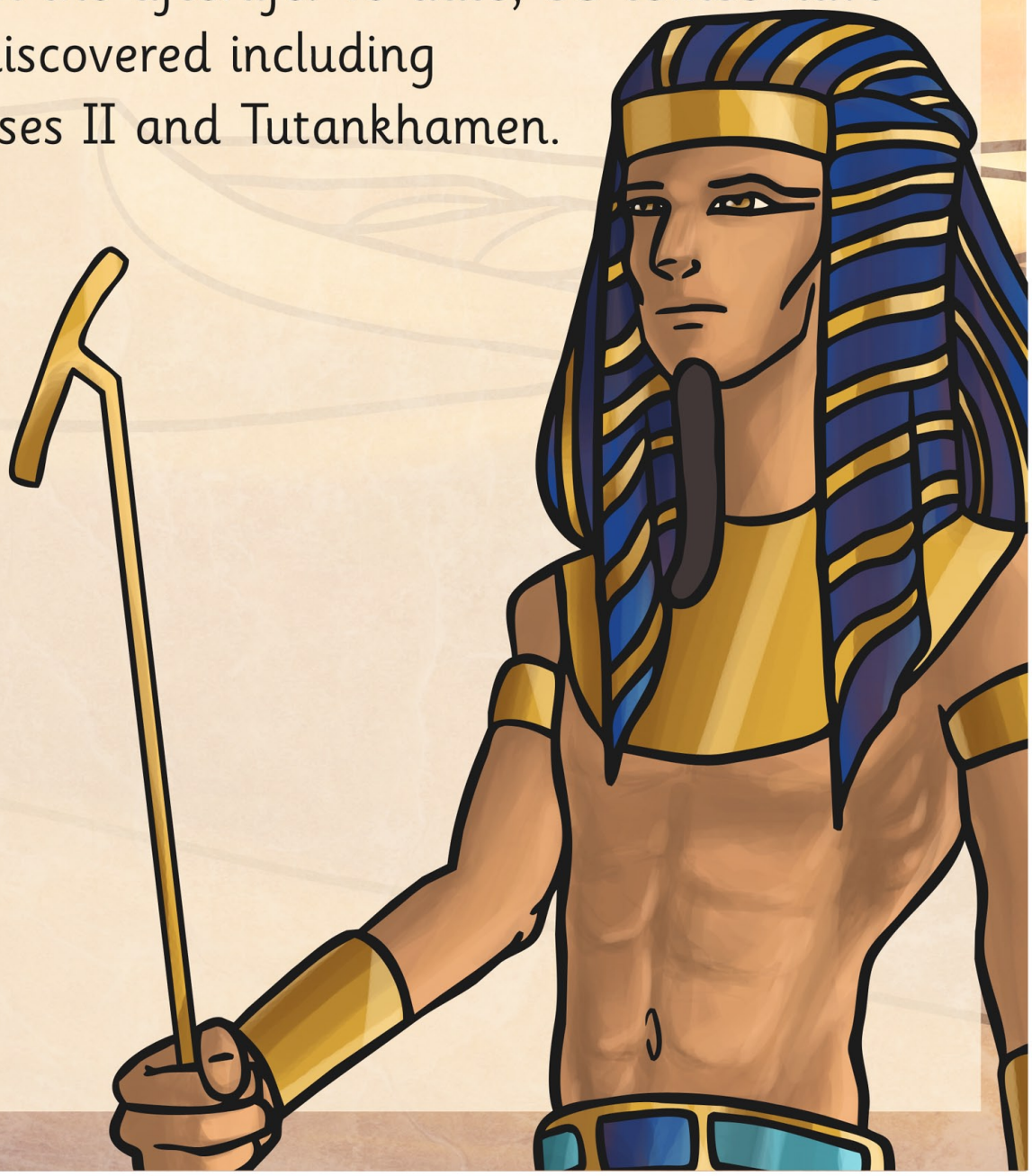
## 1,539BC

Valley of the Kings is started and expanded up to 1,069BC. The mummies of Pharaohs were buried with their treasures to take with them in the afterlife. To date, 63 tombs have been discovered including Ramesses II and Tutankhamen.



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## 1,332BC

The 10 year rule of Tutankhamen begins. The boy king is arguably the most famous pharaoh of our time, probably because his tomb was discovered intact in 1922 by a team of British archaeologists.
He is thought to have only been 18 when he died, the cause of death is a mystery but some scholars believe he may have been killed in a hippopotamus attack.

# Ancient Egypt

## 51BC

Reign of Cleopatra VII the last pharaoh of Egypt begins and she rules for 21 years. During her reign she has a son with the Roman leader, Julius Caeser. She was defeated in 30BC by the Roman leader Octavian and is believed to have committed suicide using poison from a snake.