Owl History Knowledge Organiser Term 6

Ancient Egypt: How much did the Ancient Egyptian people achieve?

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Key Objectives

- To identify reasons why the Ancient Egyptians are considered a successful civilisation.
- To understand the types of evidence that can be used to reach conclusions about Ancient Egyptian life.
 - To understand how different groups of people contributed to Ancient Egyptian achievements.
 - To be able to reach conclusions about the Ancient Egyptian people through studying the pyramids.
 - To understand Ancient Egyptians beliefs about creation and the afterlife.
 - To be able to identify the most important achievements of the Ancient Egyptians.

Key Vocabulary

Archaeologist	People who discover our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.
Pharaohs	The word pharaoh originally meant 'great house' but came to mean the person who resided in it.
Tombs	Ancient Egypt is known for its magnificent and beautiful tombs. The most well known are within the pyramids in the Valley of the Kings.
Hieroglyphs	The formal writing system used in Ancient Egypt for writing the Egyptian language.
Vizier	The vizier in Ancient Egypt was the most powerful position after the king. A vizier was the equivalent of a modern day prime minister.
Scribe	A scribe recorded in writing the everyday life and extraordinary happenings in Ancient Egypt.
Sarcophagus	Sarcophagus is a Greek word meaning flesh-eating and refers to the mummy case.
Mummy	Remains of a body found inside the carved and painted burial case.
Papyrus	An Egyptian plant whose reeds are slit and placed in layers in order to form paper.

Sticky Knowledge

- 1. We can find out about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation by studying archaeological remains and writing.
- 2. The River Nile was important because it made the land fertile, so Egyptian people could grow crops. It was also used for transport.
- 3. Society was structured with the **pharaoh** at the top and enslaved people at the bottom.
- 4. Most people in Ancient Egypt were farmers.
- 5. Ancient Egyptian people worshipped over 2000 gods and goddesses.
- 6. Ancient Egyptian people believed in an afterlife.
- 7. Archaeologists can read hieroglyphics following the discovery of the Rosetta Stone.
- 8. The Egyptians were the first civilization to invent writing.
- 9. Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in November 1922.
- 10. Ancient Egyptian people had many **achievements** in such areas as farming, building, religion, medicine, writing, mathematics and crafts.
- 11. Cleopatra was the last pharaoh of Egypt before the Romans took over.

