

Ancient Egypt – What Happened When?

Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest civilisations in history. It began around 3100 BC, which was more than 5,000 years ago! It grew up along the banks of the River Nile in North Africa. Every year the Nile flooded, leaving behind rich, dark soil that was perfect for growing crops like wheat and barley.

Egypt was ruled by powerful kings called pharaohs. People believed pharaohs were gods on Earth, so everyone obeyed them. When a pharaoh died, they were buried in a grand tomb. The most famous tombs were the pyramids – giant stone structures that can still be seen today.

The Egyptians were very clever. They invented a writing system using pictures and symbols called hieroglyphics. They also made paper from a river plant called papyrus.

Ancient Egypt lasted for about 3,000 years before it was eventually conquered by other civilisations. It remains one of the most fascinating periods in human history.



Questions

1. Approximately when did Ancient Egypt begin?
2. In which continent was Ancient Egypt located?
3. What river was central to life in Ancient Egypt?
4. What did the flooding of the Nile leave behind?
5. What crops did Egyptian farmers grow?
6. What were Egyptian rulers called?
7. What did people believe about pharaohs?
8. What were the most famous types of tombs in Ancient Egypt?
9. What writing system did the Egyptians invent?
10. Why do you think it was so important that the River Nile flooded every year?

