



Topic: Exploring Egypt

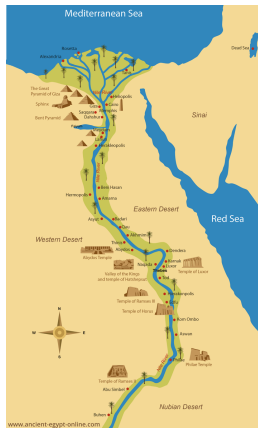
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Background Information

- Previous knowledge of continents.

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos



Map of Egypt



The Great Pyramids of Giza

Interesting facts

- Egypt is home the Great Pyramid of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- The capital city of Egypt is Cairo, which also has the largest population. Other major cities include Alexandria and Giza.
- Egypt is a very dry country. The Sahara and Libyan Desert make up most of the area of Egypt.
- Egypt experiences natural hazards such as droughts, earthquakes, flash floods, landslides, windstorms (called khamsin), dust storms and sandstorms.
- The Nile is the river that runs through Egypt. It is the longest river in the world.
- The Nile provided food, soil, water and transportation for the Egyptians. Great floods would come each year and would provide fertile soil for growing food.
- Most Egyptians inhabited land close to the River Nile.
- To date, over 130 pyramids have been discovered in Egypt.
- The Egyptians were the first civilization to invent writing.
- Egypt is officially known as 'The Arab Republic of Egypt'



Key Vocabulary

Country	A nation with its own government
Continent	One of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica)
Africa	The second largest continent which is home to 16% of the world's population
Egypt	Egypt, a country linking northeast Africa with the Middle East, dates to the time of the pharaohs.
Desert	A waterless desolate land
Drought	A prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall.
Earthquake	A sudden violent shaking of the ground
Flash flood	A sudden local flood, typically due to heavy rain.
Landslide	A collapse of a mass of earth or rock from a mountain or cliff.
Windstorm	A storm with very strong wind but little or no rain or snow.
Dust storm	A strong wind carrying clouds of sand with it, especially in a desert.
River Nile	The longest river in Africa.

Know how to / Activity

- Research information about Egypt and organise into a non-chronological report or fact file.
- Visit the library and find a book about Egypt.