

Afterlife

Life after death

Black Land

fertile soil on either  
side of the Nile

Cataracts

Rapids formed  
caused by rough  
terrain; waterfalls

Delta

A triangle-shaped  
area of land made  
from soil deposited by  
a river

Dynasty

A series of rulers  
from the same family

Elite	People of wealth and power
Engineering	The application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes
Geometry	developed it because floods required them to regularly redraw boundaries; also needed for pyramids
Hieroglyphics	Egypt 's form of writing; one of the first in the world
King Tut	tomb was left untouched for 3000 years; provides much evidence about the civilization

Lower Egypt

Located in the  
northern section of  
Egypt

Mummies

Specially treated  
bodies wrapped in  
cloth

New Kingdom

high point of power  
and prosperity

Nile River

The longest river in  
the world

Nobles

People from rich and  
powerful families

Old Kingdom

A period in Egyptian history that lasted for about 500 years, from about 2700 - 2200 BC

Papyrus

Egyptian writing material made from reeds; very similar to paper

Pharaoh

The title used by the rulers of Egypt

Pyramids

Built in ancient Egypt as tombs for pharaohs

Red Land

deadly desert on outer sides of the Black Land

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Rosetta Stone

same message was written in  
3 languages on it; one was  
Hieroglyphics and this was  
the key that unlocked the  
Egyptian language

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Upper Egypt

Located in the  
southern section of  
Egypt

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