

History Topic: Ancient Civilisations

Year Group: 4

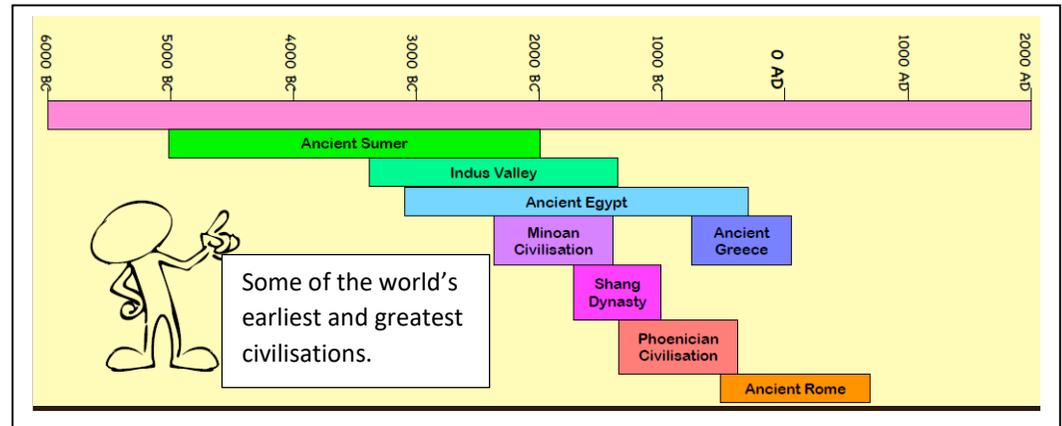
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Past learning. I can already...

Use simple sources of information (artefacts, photos books) to answer simple questions about the past. • Use evidence to support my ideas about the past. • Ask and answer questions about an archaeological site • Talk about events, places and people of the past. • Use historical terms to describe the passing of time, e.g. modern, recent, long ago, older etc. • Place a range of objects, people and place in time order. • Talk about and describe the home and the way people lived. • Describe the changes and differences in lifestyle in the past and present.

New learning:

- When did these ancient civilisations exist?
- Where in the world were they?
- What great achievements or inventions did they create?
- How have they influenced our lives today?
- How do we know about these civilisations?
- What are the countries and people called who live in these areas now?

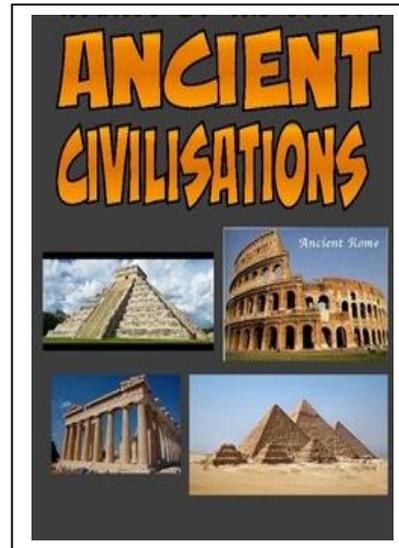


Key vocabulary

Chronology	The arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence
Civilisation	Human society which is organised.
Artefact	An object that is made by a person, such as a tool or a decoration, especially one that is of historical interest
Dynasty	A series of rulers or leaders who are all from the same family, or a period when a country is ruled by them.
Empire	A group of countries ruled by a single person, government or country.
Hieroglyph	A system of writing using pictures not words.
Kingdom	A place ruled by a king, queen or important person
Temple	A building used for the worship of a god or gods in some religions.
Worship	To show a strong feeling or respect for a God or Goddess
Traditions	Ways of doing things, that have existed for a long time

Key people / events / facts

Name and image	Description
Sumer	One of the first civilisations of the world and began about 6,000 years ago. It was the earliest known civilization in the area of southern Mesopotamia (now southern Iraq).
Indus Valley	Home to one of the world's first large civilisations. It began nearly 5,000 years ago in an area of modern-day Pakistan and Northern India.
Ancient Egypt	A civilization that began 5,000 years ago when people started building villages next to the River Nile in north-east Africa.
Shang Dynasty	An ancient Chinese civilisation from over 3,500 years ago.
Ancient Greece	A civilisation that dominated much of the Mediterranean area before the time of the Roman Empire.



B.C.	Before Christ
A.D.	Anno Domini – Latin, meaning 'the year of the Lord'. Refers to the years after the birth of Jesus.