**Ancient Egypt**

- **2650 BC**
  - The first pyramid, a **step pyramid**, is built.

- **1670 BC**
  - The **Hyksos** people invade and introduce the chariot.

- **1539-1070 BC**
  - This was the time of the ‘New Kingdom’.

- **332 BC**
  - Alexander the Great conquered Egypt and founded Alexandria.

- **3100 BC**
  - King Narmer unites Egypt and records it on the **Narmer Palette** (above).

- **2250 BC**
  - Egyptians introduce **gods** for all areas of their lives.

- **1648 BC**
  - **Nilometers** were invented to track the height of the Nile.

- **1070 BC**
  - Egyptians joined **Ra** and **Amun** to make **Amun-Ra**, King of the Gods.

- **330 BC**
  - Queen Cleopatra kills herself. Romans conquer Egypt.

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Some **gods** of Ancient Egypt:

- Anubis
- **Thoth**
- Bastet
- **Horus**
- Hathor

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Rulers of Ancient Egypt were called **pharaohs**. The word ‘pharaoh’ means **great house**. The pharaoh was the most powerful person in Egypt and some people considered him a god.

**Ramses II** ruled Egypt for _over 60 years_. In that time he fathered 156 children! He was a brave soldier and a great builder.

Ancient Egyptians used a system of picture writing called **hieroglyphics**. Each hieroglyph represented an object or letter. There were about 700 different hieroglyphs.

Egyptian people in society were structured a little like is shown in this picture.

**Society**

- **Pharaoh**
- **Priests**
- **Scribes**
- **Craftworkers**
- **Peasants and Slaves**

The **River Nile** was very important to the Egyptians. It provided water for drinking and for crops.

The **Pyramids** were built using huge stones. Each stone weighed as much as two and a half elephants! The finished pyramids had a white coating to protect the stones underneath.

The **Great Sphinx** at Giza guards the **Great Pyramids**. It has the body of a lion and the face of a human.