

See inside The Ancient Egyptians Resource Pack



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A full unit of history work for **KS2** covering the **Ancient Egyptians** topic.

Detailed plans for each lesson

Ready to pick up and teach

Differentiated activities to adapt for your pupils' needs

Assessment opportunities

Ancient Egyptians
Lesson 7: Who were the Ancient Egyptian gods?

Lesson Objectives

- To compare different Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses
- To look at some sources depicting Ancient Egyptian gods

Resources:

- Slides, Lesson 7
- Resource 7a - printed, cut and hidden around the classroom
- Resource 7b
- Resource 7c

Starter

Show pupils the starter slide and read the information to introduce the idea of the Ancient Egyptian belief system. Before the lesson starts, hide the images from Resource 7a around the classroom or outdoor space. Give pupils copies of Resource 7b and ask them to read the descriptions on the sheet. Challenge them to treasure hunt around the room to find all of the gods, matching the letters up to the description on their sheet.

Main Input

Use the Main Input slides to introduce the following Ancient Egyptian deities: Ra, Isis, Anubis, Set, Nut and Geb. This is just a very small selection of gods and goddesses; the Ancient Egyptians are thought to have worshipped around 2000 different gods! Remind pupils that much of what historians know about these deities come from images on paintings, statues and temple walls. Draw attention to any objects and animal-like features belonging to each god and discuss what these things might symbolise. If you want to include additional gods and goddesses, this is a good website to look at for quick profiles: <http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/gods/egiptoremain.htm>

Activity

Hand out copies of Resource 7c. Ask pupils to choose three different gods to create short fact files about. Pupils could choose the gods included on the slides or you could give them access to books or websites like <http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/gods/egiptoremain.htm> to do their own research on a wider range of gods.

More Support: You may like to ask some pupils to focus on just one or two gods. Work with children who need additional support to interpret the information from the slides. You may wish to print copies of the slides for this group.

More Challenge: Challenge pupils to research some Ancient Egyptian myths and then to choose one to retell to the class or to present as a comic strip.

Spot check: Use the Spot Check slide to check that pupils can explain how Ancient Egyptian religion explained the different natural events.

Plenary

Look at the pictures on the Plenary slide. These real historical sources, such as statues and paintings from temple walls, are used to help historians understand more about Ancient Egyptian religion. Challenge pupils to use their knowledge of Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses to work out who is represented in each picture (answers are on the last slide).

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Pupil activity sheets

