

Year 5 Reading, Spring 1: Egyptian Mythology

Important Gods



Osiris,
God of the
Underworld



Horus,
God of sky
and war



Ra,
God of
Creation



Isis,
Goddess of
the Moon,
protector to
all women

The Ancient Egyptians worshipped over 2,000 gods and goddesses, who were the centre of a religion that lasted for over three thousand years! We will discover many gods and goddesses through our reading this term, but these are some of the important ones who will appear many times!

We will be:

- Retrieving information
- Making inferences and predictions
- Exploring themes and conventions
- Summarising extracts



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Ancient Egypt

The ancient Egyptian civilisation began 5,000 years ago when people started building villages next to the River Nile in the north-east of Africa. It lasted for around 3,000 years.

Ancient Egyptians were incredibly inventive and clever. They invented a solar calendar (a calendar based on the sun) and a writing system called hieroglyphs. The ancient Egyptians were ruled by kings and queens, called pharaohs. You may have heard of the famous boy pharaoh, King Tutankhamun!

The ancient Egyptians were very religious and believed in a never-ending afterlife. They thought it was more important than their life on Earth, so they spent a lot of time planning for their death.

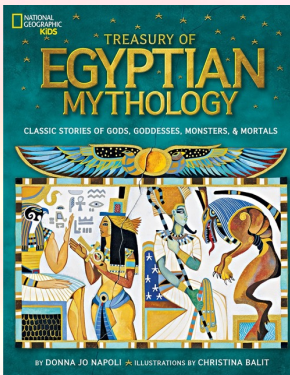
What is a myth?

Myths are traditional stories, especially ones concerning the early history of people or explaining something remarkable. They typically involve supernatural (unreal) beings or events.

There are lots of myths that you may have heard of. English myths include Robin Hood and King Arthur. Greek myths include Heracles and Zeus. We will be looking at a number of Egyptian myths.



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We're also reading (non-fiction):

