



Geography – Egypt – Then and Now



Year 4
Autumn Term

Key Learning

World Continents There are seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North America and South America. Some continents have many countries, others do not.

- Half the world's population live in Asia.
- The largest desert in the world (the Sahara) is in Africa.
- North America is twice the size of Europe.
- Over half of Australia is desert or receives little rain.
- The Amazon rainforest is in South America.
- Antarctica is known as the 'frozen continent.'



Egypt is a country located in the north eastern corner of Africa in the Northern Hemisphere.

- Its capital is Cairo and its approximate population is 100 million.
- The official language is Arabic and official religion is Islam.
- Examples of geographical features in Egypt are: the cities of Cairo and Luxor, The River Nile, The Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens and the Suez Canal.
- Examples of human features in Egypt are: mosques, pyramids and sphinx and souks



Similarities and differences in Ancient Egypt and Modern Egypt. The river Nile is similar in both modern and ancient times. The ancient statues are still here to see in modern times but they look different because they have been weathered and damaged over time. They are now popular tourist attractions. Large cities are full of buildings and traffic as well as street traders selling their wares.



Key Vocabulary

Northern hemisphere	The northern half of the Earth.
Southern hemisphere	The southern half of the Earth.
Compass points	Used to describe the position of something, sometimes in relation to another. North, East, South, West
Tropic of Cancer	An imaginary line around the earth 23.5 degrees north of the equator
Tropic of Capricorn	An imaginary line around the earth 23.5 degrees south of the equator.
Arctic	The areas of the world around the North Pole. It is extremely cold and there is very little light in winter and very little darkness in summer.
Antarctic	The area around the South Pole.
Human features	Things that are made or built by humans.
Physical features	Anything that is on the Earth naturally.

