



YEAR 4 ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS

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Key Vocabulary

civilisation	An organised society with its own culture and way of life, existing in a particular area over a particular period of time.
dynasty	A succession of rulers who come from the same family e.g. The Shang Dynasty
location	The place where something exists.
river valley	A long area of low land between mountains or hills , with a river or stream running through it.
irrigation	Irrigation is what farmers do when they add water to their fields. The water makes their crops grow. Irrigation takes the place of rainfall in dry regions. It can greatly increase farm production.
achievement	Something achieved through hard work, courage, or skill.

Where in the world are...



Historical Vocabulary

BC or BCE	Used to show that a date is before the year AD 1
AD or CE	Used to show that a date is after the year AD 1.
c.3300	The c. stands for circa. This means 'around' the time of the date

Ancient Egypt

3150 BCE – 30 BCE

Ancient Sumer

5000 BCE – 1940 BCE

Ancient Indus Valley

c.3300 BCE – 1300 BCE

The Shang Dynasty

1600 BCE – 1046 BCE

Achievements of the earliest civilisations:

Ancient Egypt

Ancient Sumer

Indus Valley

Shang Dynasty

Stone Age Britain

Bronze Age Britain

Iron Age Britain

Roman Britain



Ancient Sumerian Wheel



The city of *Mohenjo Daro* (Indus Valley)



The Shang Dynasty Paper



Ancient Egyptian Pyramids and Mummies



Early writing

