

## YEAR 4 ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS

## **KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER**



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 <b>Shang</b> 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
-	Ancient Sumer Ancient Egypt  Ancient Egypt  The Shang Dynasty Valley

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.	
<b>c.</b> 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
<b>Ancient Indus Valley</b>	c.3300 BCE – 1300 BCE
The Shang Dynasty	1600 BCE – 1046 BCE

Achievements of the earliest civilisations:

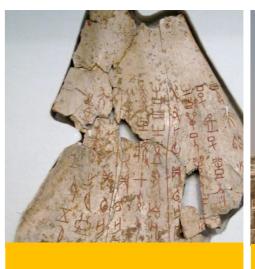
Shang Dynasty



Ancient Sumerian Wheel



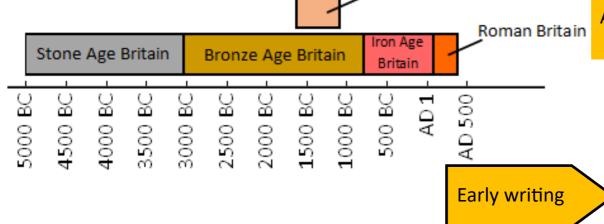
The city of *Mohenjo*Daro (Indus Valley)



The Shang Dynasty Paper



Ancient Egyptian Pyramids and Mummies



Ancient Egypt

Indus Valley

**Ancient Sumer** 



