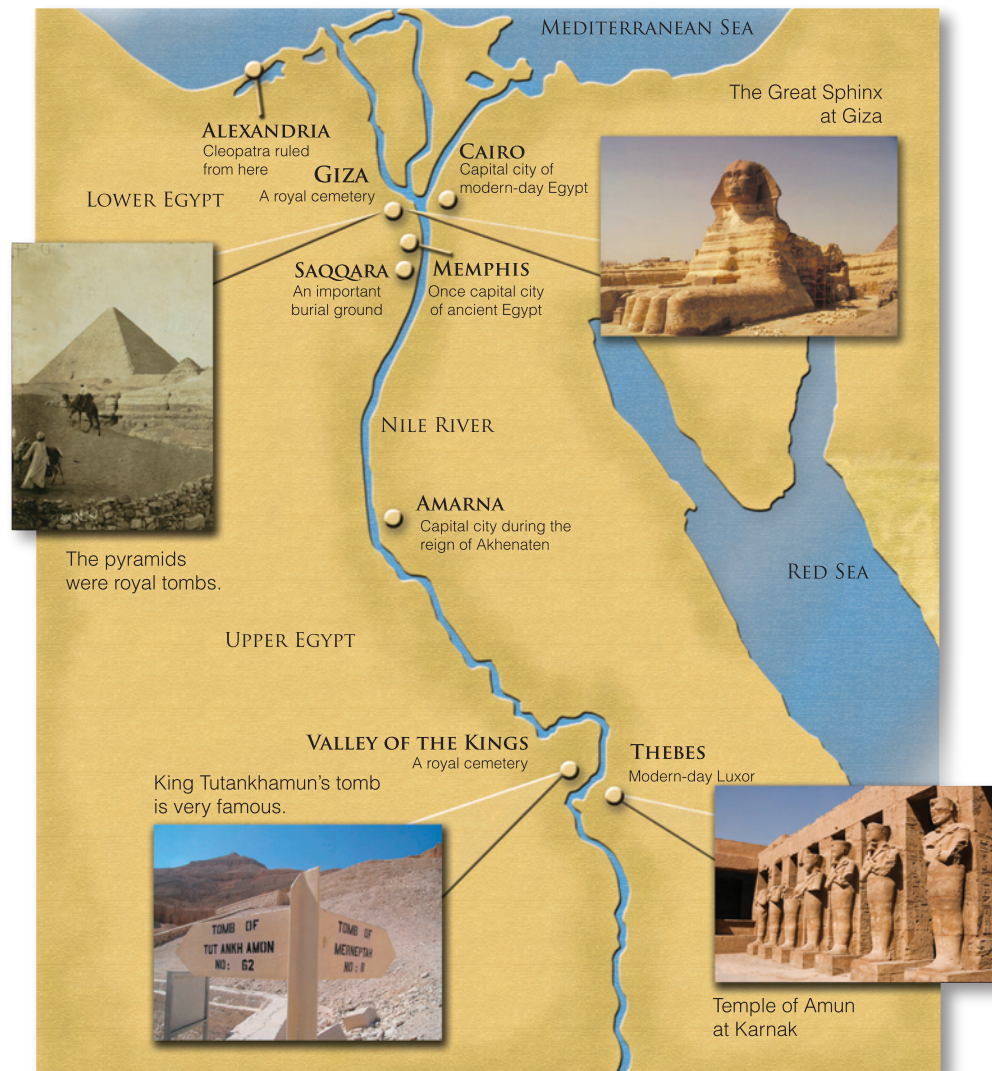


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Ancient Egypt

A country must learn from the past to grow and prosper. For centuries, people have looked back at the history of Egypt and learned important lessons for today. They explore the land in northern Africa where Egypt began. They find evidence of an advanced **civilization** (siv-uh-luh-ZAY-shuhn).



The Nile is the longest river in the world. The early Egyptians were the first people to live along its banks. At first, they were food gatherers who did not stay in one place. Then, they saw how important the river was to their way of life. So, they began to settle down.

During their 5,000 years of history, they learned to use the land wisely. They perfected their arts and crafts and had a gift for building. Those who came after them learned from the talent and wisdom of the ancient Egyptians.



Keeping Records

Egypt had a written language, and some people could read and write. Those people were called scribes. They kept records in pictures and codes. The pictures and codes were discovered in modern times. They are called **hieroglyphics** (HI-ruh-glif-iks).

