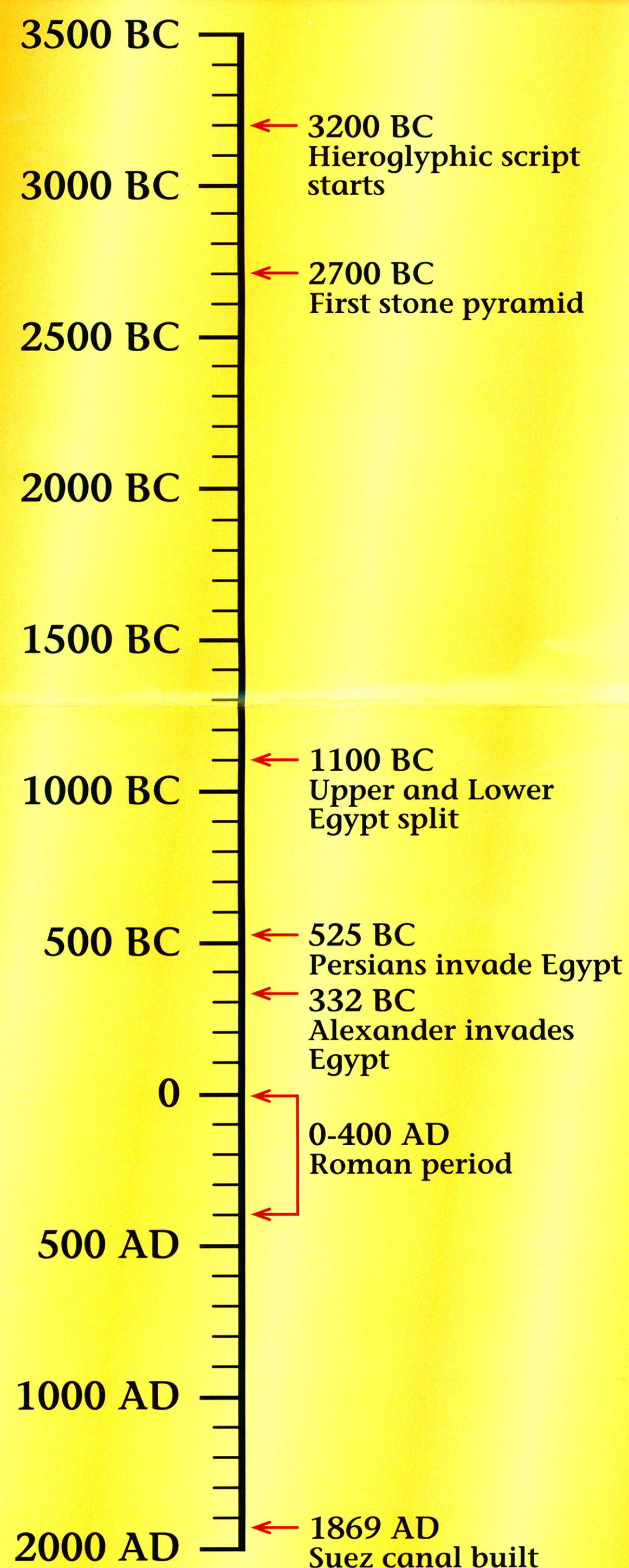


# Ancient Egypt

We know a lot about life and death in Ancient Egypt because of the pyramids. The pyramids are the stone tombs of Egypt's kings – the Pharaohs. There were lots of paintings and possessions in the tomb. We can find out a lot from these tombs.



## Tombs

The Ancient Egyptians believed there was a new life after they died. A king's family put things for the king's new life in the tomb. They put in jewellery, like this good luck necklace, games and sometimes even pets.

Here is a mummy of a pet cat from a museum.

### Did you know?

Ancient Egyptians ate mice because they thought this made toothache better!

## Work and play

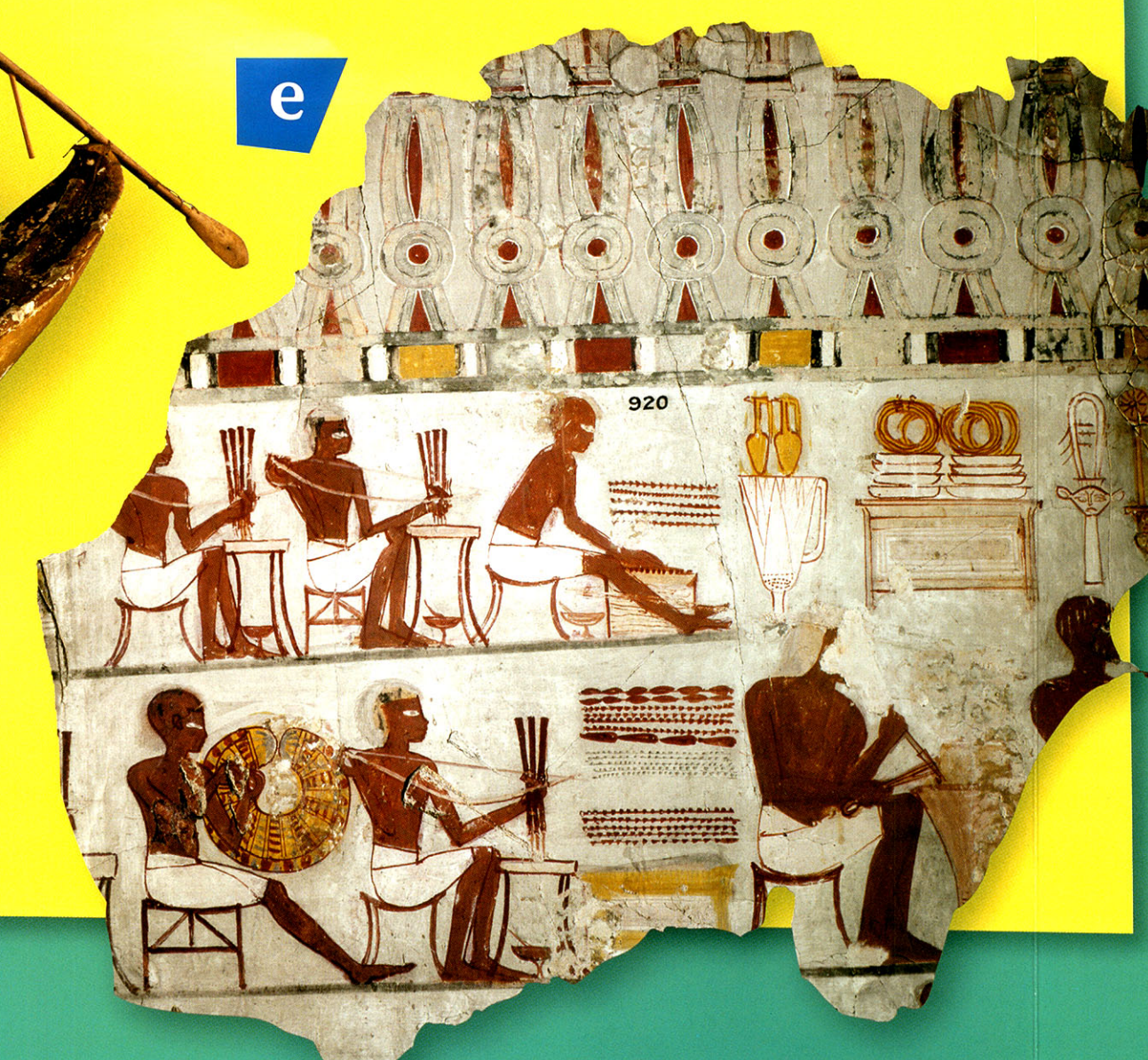
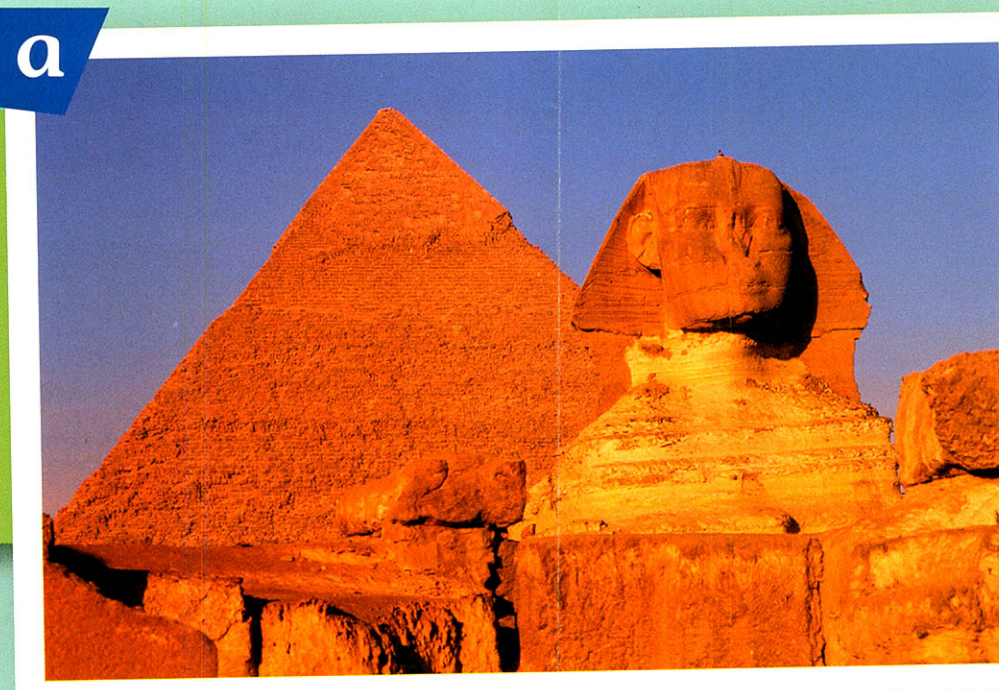
The paintings in the pyramids show pictures from the kings' lives and also show us how other people lived and worked.

Most Egyptians were farmers. Women helped in the fields but also cooked and cleaned the house. Children helped their parents – only a few boys went to school.

From the pictures we can see how the Egyptians fished in the River Nile. We can also see how they made jewellery.

### Did you know?

In Ancient Egypt girls usually got married at the age of 12.



## Hieroglyphics



The Ancient Egyptians used a writing system called hieroglyphics.

In this picture a man is measuring a post. The hieroglyphics above the man's head mean that the post is in the right place.

The Ancient Egyptians took a Book of the Dead with them to their new life. Each Book of the Dead contained spells in pictures and hieroglyphics.

### Did you know?

The Ancient Egyptians believed that one spell from a Book of the Dead made you into a snake.



### Can you find ...?

- 2 white horses
- a fish on a necklace
- a blue and yellow fish

Show + tell! Bring in some hieroglyphics – real or made-up – to show the class.