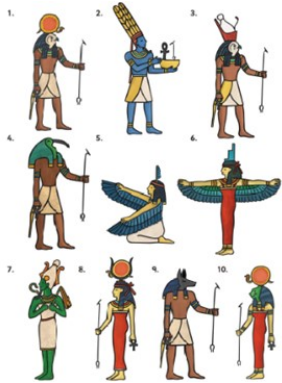


Year 3	History	Egyptians—Which was the most important Egyptian god?	Knowledge Organiser
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Historical summary

Egypt had one of the largest and most complex pantheons of gods of any civilization in the ancient world. Over the course of Egyptian history hundreds of gods and goddesses were worshipped. Gods rose and fell in importance and evolved in ways that corresponded to developments in Egyptian society. Canopic jars were four decorated clay pits, each with a different head of a god. The gods were Hapi the baboon protector of the lungs. Qebehnsenuf the falcon who guarded the intestines. Duamatef the jackal who guarded the stomach and Imsety the human who protected the liver.

Key Egyptian gods/Canopic jars



1. Ra
2. Amun
3. Horus
4. Thoth
5. Ma'at
6. Isis
7. Osiris
8. Hathor
9. Anubis
10. Sekhmet



Important questions

Can you explain what a god is?
 Why did the Egyptians pray to gods?
 Who was Hapi?
 Who was Qebehnsenuf?
 Why did the jars have heads of animals?
 What is a Canopic jar?
 What animal did Anubis embody?

Vocabulary	
Egypt	A country in Northeast Africa
Egyptian	A person or object from Egypt
Ancient	Belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence
Civilization	The society, culture and way of life of a particular area.
River Nile	A river flowing through Egypt, thought to be the longest river in the world.
Pyramid	Stone pyramid-shaped building, used as a royal tomb in ancient Egypt.
Pharaoh	A ruler of ancient Egypt.
Mummification	An ancient Egyptian process of embalming a body.
Canopic jar	A covered urn used in Ancient Egyptian burials to hold the organs from the embalmed body.
God	A superhuman being or spirit worshipped as having power over nature or human fortunes; a deity
Worship	Show reverence and adoration .
Ruler	A person exercising government or dominion.
Describe	Give a detailed account in words of.
Compare	Note the similarity or dissimilarity between.

What I should know by the end of this unit.

- **Describe** a variety of Egyptian gods.
- **Compare** and contrast the different gods.
- **Recall** key facts about these gods and make informed decisions about their importance.
- **Classify** these gods into categories. What aspects of life do they relate to?
- **Reason** with the knowledge of these gods and make a choice as to who they believe to be the most important.