






Africa study: Egypt.

Key Vocabulary:				Key Knowledge:
Africa	Continent below Europe, surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic and Indian Oceans and consisting of 54 countries.	    	Arabic is the official language, Egyptian Arabic is the spoken language.	
Climate	The long-term pattern of weather.		Egypt is in the Northeast of Africa and links Africa to the Middle East.	
Currency	The money system used in a country.		Cairo is the capital city of Egypt. Other major cities are Alexandria and Giza.	
Arid	Dry, with little or no rain.		Currency is the Egyptian Pound	
Delta	Land created when a river deposits sediment near the mouth of the river, where it meets slow water, such as the ocean or sea.		Average rainfall (south of Cairo) is between 2-5 mm, during the winter months	
Desert	A landscape with little rainfall and little or no plant or animal life.		Due to the arid climate of Egypt, most civilisation is concentrated along the river Nile and Nile Delta.	
Mediterranean	A characteristic of the Mediterranean Sea, the countries and people bordering it.		Egypt is one of the sunniest and driest countries in the world.	
Dam	A barrier that stops, or restricts the flow of water.		Most of Egypt is desert.	
Irrigation	Supply of water to land to water crops.		Egypt has a Mediterranean climate in the north, and desert climate further south.	
Hydroelectricity	The force of fast moving water, turning turbines which generate electricity.		Mediterranean temperatures: Winter 10 – 20°C, summer 35°C Desert temperatures: Winter 20°C, summer 40 - 50°C	
Population	The number of people that live in a place.	The Aswan Dam was built to control flooding, irrigation and generate hydroelectricity.		
Exports	Goods that are sent to another country to sell.	The longest river in the world, the River Nile runs through Egypt.		
Tourism	Travel away from home for relaxation and pleasure, to visit new places.	The population of Egypt is 102 million. Most people live along the River Nile.		
Tropic of Cancer	An invisible band around the Earth, the most northerly point that the sun will be directly overhead. The climate at the Tropic of Cancer is usually hot and dry.	Some of Egypt's main exports are natural gas, cotton products (clothing and sheets), citrus fruits, ceramics, cement and steel. Egypt also relies heavily on tourism to their country..		