**Ancient Egyptians lived on the northern part of the continent of Africa, near the Nile River.**

**Fun Facts about Ancient Egypt**

* Egyptian men and women wore makeup. It was thought to have healing powers, plus it helped protect their skin from the sun.
* They used moldy bread to help with infections.
* They were one of the first civilizations to invent writing. They also used ink to write and paper called papyrus.
* The Ancient Egyptians were scientists and mathematicians. They had numerous inventions including ways to build buildings, medicine, cosmetics, the calendar, the plow for farming, musical instruments, and even toothpaste.
* Ancient Egypt plays a major role in the Bible. The Israelites were held captive there as slaves for many years. Moses helped them escape and led them to the Promised Land.
* The Pharaoh kept his hair covered. It was not to be seen by regular people.
* Cats were considered sacred in Ancient Egypt.
* **Ancient Egypt**
* **Glossary and Terms**

**Afterlife** - The place where the Ancient Egyptians believed they would go after they died.  
  
**Amulet** - A charm worn that the Ancient Egyptians thought had magical powers.  
  
**archeology** - A science that deals with past human life and activities by studying the bones, tools, etc., of ancient people

**Book of the Dead** - A text that had a number of magic spells that were supposed to help a person in the afterlife.  
  
**Canopic jars** - Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver, and stomach.

**Delta**- The region of land where the Nile River split into several branches before emptying into the Mediterranean Sea.  
  
**Dynasty** - A period of rule when a series of kings or pharaohs all came from the same family.  
  
**Egyptologist** - An archeologist who specializes in Ancient Egypt.

* **Giza** - A place where several large pyramids and the Great Sphinx were built.  
    
    
  **Hieroglyphics**- A type of writing used by the Ancient Egyptians that used a combination of pictures and symbols.  
    
  **Lower Egypt** - The northern half of Ancient Egypt. It was called Lower Egypt because it was at the end of the Nile River where it entered the Mediterranean Sea.  
    
    
  **Mummy**- A dead body that has been specially preserved using embalming so that it won't rot.  
    
  **Papyrus** - A plant that grew on the banks of the Nile. The Ancient Egyptians used it to make paper, boats, sandals, baskets, and rope.  
    
  **Pharaoh** - The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt. He or she was considered a god.  
    
  **Pyramid** - A giant tomb built for the pharaohs of Egypt. It was made from stone and had four sides that came to a point at the top in a pyramid shape.

**Rosetta stone** - A special stone that had the same inscription written both in Greek and in Egyptian hieroglyphics. It was very helpful in translating and understanding hieroglyphics.  
  
**Sarcophagus** - A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin.  
  
**Scribe** - An Ancient Egyptian that was specially trained to read and write.  
  
  
**Sphinx**- A mythological beast with the body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh or god. The Egyptians built sphinx statues to guard tombs.  
  
**Tutankhamun** - A pharaoh of Egypt that is famous for his tomb that was discovered. The tomb was largely untouched and was full of treasure.  
  
**Upper Egypt** - The southern half of the kingdom of Egypt. It is called Upper Egypt because the Nile River flows from Upper to Lower Egypt.