Egyptian Mythology: The Ennead

Deities:

1. **Re (Ra):** Sun god. Often referred to as Atum-Ra. Created the universe . . .
2. **Shu**: God of Air. Son of Ra.
3. **Tefnut**: Goddess of Moisture. Daughter of Ra. Shu and Tefnut are married.
4. **Nut**: Goddess of the sky. Mother of many important gods, including the god of the dead, Osiris. Daughter of Shu and Tefnut, and married to the sun god, Atum-Ra, or Re.
5. **Geb**: God of the earth. Father of Set and Nephthys.
6. **Osiris**: Most important god, after the sun god. God of death and the underworld. First pharaoh of Egypt, and first mummy. Parents are Ra and Nut.
7. **Isis**: Fertility goddess and goddess of magic. Parents are Thoth, god of wisdom, and Nut. Mother of Horus. Married to Osiris.
8. **Set**: God of chaos and evil. Parents are Geb and Nut.
9. **Nephthys**: Goddess of protection. Married to Set. Parents are Geb and Nut. Mother of Anubis, the god of mummification.

Important Terms:

1. The Benben Stone: A pyramid shaped stone made from the semen of Ra, at creation. Why we have pyramids.
2. Obelisks: Phallic representation of Earth’s love for sky. The Washington Monument is an obelisk.
3. Scarab Beetle: Scarab literally means dung, or poop. So named because the scarab beetle rolls its dung in a ball before it as it moves around. Egyptians thought of the sun as a giant ball of dung rolled by a sky beetle.
4. Lunar Calendar: 360 days.
5. Solar Calendar: 365 days. Thoth won the extra days from the moon so Nut could get around Ra’s curse and give birth to her five children.