

History - Tombs and Treasures

Key Vocabulary

Pharaoh	The king or queen that ruled over Egypt.
Mummification	To preserve a body ready to pass on to the afterlife when buried.
Tomb	A place where a body was placed, often a pyramid shape.
Temple	A place where Egyptians worshipped.
Shaduf	A shaduf - a bucket tied on to the end of a long pole. It was dipped into the Nile to irrigate (water) the land.
Hierarchy	The position in society that a person was in.

The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods. Who was their main god?



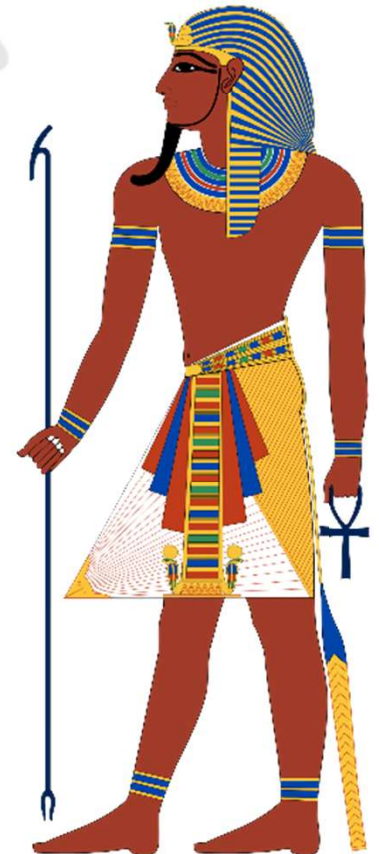
Did you know?

Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered in 1922 by Howard Carter and his team of archaeologists.

Egyptian Hierarchy

- The top ruler was the Pharaoh.
- The main minister was called the vizier.
- The scribes were people who could write down important documents for the Pharaoh.
- Priests ran the temples.
- Nobles were the main businessmen who earned a lot of taxes from people who worked the land.
- Slaves were the lowest people in the hierarchy and worked for priests, nobles and the Pharaoh.

Tutankhamun was only nine when he took over as pharaoh. He had powerful advisers to help him. He died at the age of about 18 or 19 of natural causes.



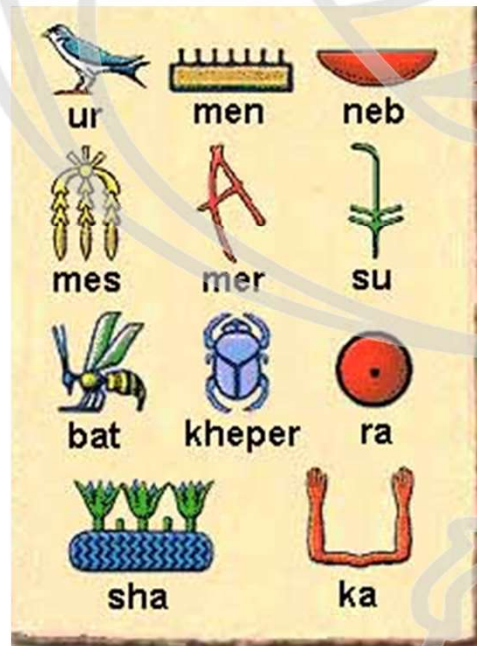
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Map of the River Nile



Did you know?

The River Nile was key to the Ancient Egyptian existence. It was needed to flood each year, to make the land fertile so that they could grow crops to eat.



The Ancient Egyptians wrote using hieroglyphs. These were symbols that represented letters. They were normally carved into stone or written onto papyrus. **What was papyrus made from?**



Most people just know the Egyptian pyramids are big, impressive structures built a very long time ago in Ancient Egypt. It is also generally known that the pyramids served as monumental burial sites where the Pharaohs, the Ancient Egyptian kings, were buried.



Religion was very important to Ancient Egyptians. They had many gods and goddesses and believed that the pharaohs were the human forms of their gods. Statues and pictures of Egyptian gods often show them with a mix of human and animal body parts.