

Vocabulary

Akhet: The season of the year when the River Nile flooded.

Canopic jar: Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver, and stomach.

Dynasty: A line of rulers from the same family.

Embalmer: Someone who preserves a dead body to stop it rotting away.

Fertile: Able to produce many crops or plants.

Hieroglyph: A picture that represents a word or sound in ancient Egyptian writing.

Irrigate: Supply crops and plants with water.

Mummification: The ancient method of preserving a deceased body.

Papyrus: A material made from a water plant that was used for writing on and to make items such as boats.

Pharaoh: a ruler of Ancient Egypt.

Ritual: a ceremony, often a religious one.

Sarcophagus: a stone coffin.

Ancient Egypt

Book: History Detective Investigates Ancient Egypt



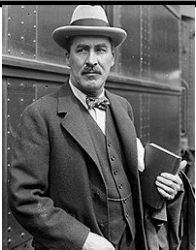
Famous Egyptian Pharaohs

Tutankhamun - Often called King Tut today, Tutankhamun is largely famous today because much of his tomb remained intact and we have one of the greatest Egyptian treasures from his rule. He became Pharaoh at the age of 9. He tried to bring back the gods that his father had banished.

Amenhotep III - Amenhotep III ruled for 39 years of great prosperity. He brought Egypt to its peak of power. During his rule the country was at peace and he was able to enlarge many cities and construct temples.

Ramses II - Often called Ramses the Great, he ruled Egypt for 67 years. He is famous today because he built more statues and monuments than any other Pharaoh.

Cleopatra VII - Cleopatra VII is often considered the last Pharaoh of Egypt. She maintained power by making alliances with famous Romans such as Julius Caesar and Mark Antony.



Howard Carter was a famous archaeologist who discovered the untouched tomb of King Tutankhamun in 1922.



A stone that had the same inscription written both in Greek and in Egyptian hieroglyphics. It was helpful in translating hieroglyphics.

A Ankh	B Bowl	C Cup	CH Chisel	D Dagger	E Eagle	F Falcon
G Gardens	H Hut	I Ibis	J Jackal	K Khat	L Lion	M Mantle
N Nile	O Ostrich	P Papyrus	Q Quail	R Rope	S Snake	SH Shank
T Tomb	U Udjat	V Vulture	W Winged	X Xenopus	Y Yard	Z Zebu

Egyptian Gods and Goddess

Amun	King of the gods.
Anubis	God of mummification.
Horus	God of the sky.
Ra	God of the Sun.
Thoth	God of knowledge.
Osiris	God of death and the afterlife.
Isis	Goddess of protection and healing.

4500 BC – 332 BC