

What were the greatest achievements of Ancient Egypt?

What did Ancient Egyptians believe about the afterlife?



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How did Ancient Egypt change during the Old Kingdom?



Key questions we will answer:

Who were the **Egyptian gods**?

Key historical skills we will use: **Historical significance.**

Key questions we will answer:

What did Ancient Egyptians **believe** about the **afterlife**?

Key historical skills we will use: **Cause and consequence.**

Key questions we will answer:

How were the **pyramids** built?

Key historical skills we will use: **Evidence and interpretation.**



Key vocabulary for this lesson

preserve

– keep an object safe from loss

prepare

– get something ready

remains

– what is left over



Recap

Using your knowledge from the previous lessons, to **name** which **god** you think is represented in each **artefact**.

Discuss this with your learning partner and be ready to **share your feedback** with the class before the answers are revealed.



Recap



Sekhmut



Ra



Bastet

Let's discuss



Study this ancient Egyptian **artwork** with your learning partner and **discuss the questions** below:



- What can you see?
- Where do you think the person is?
- Who are the people with the animal heads?

Be ready to **share your feedback** with the class.

Let's discuss



This scene is of an **Egyptian's soul** being led into the **afterlife**.
The Egyptians believed a person had to pass **tests** to enter paradise. **Anubis** (The jackal-headed God) is **weighing** the **soul's heart against a feather**. The soul meets all the **different Gods** before entering **paradise** to live in the afterlife.



The afterlife and mummies

Most Ancient Egyptians **only lived until the age of 30** so they strongly believed in **life after death**. They **spent a lot of time preparing** for life after death and had a **clear idea about what it would be like** and what they would need for their journey.



The afterlife and mummies

Because of their **strong beliefs** in the Gods (**cause**), the Ancient Egyptians did some **strange things** to a dead person's body (**consequence**).

Let's find out more!



The afterlife and mummies

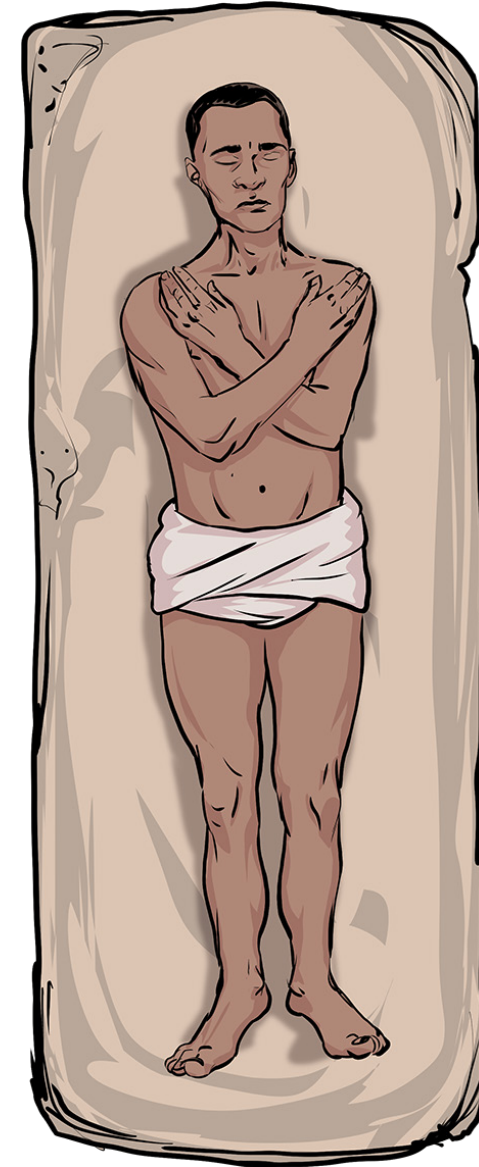


To keep the body from rotting away, the Egyptians used **mummification**, which is a long, **gruesome method** and the best way **to preserve the body**.

The Ancient Egyptians had been mummifying the dead **since early Egypt**, but the Old Kingdom saw the process change to make it even better at preserving the dead body.

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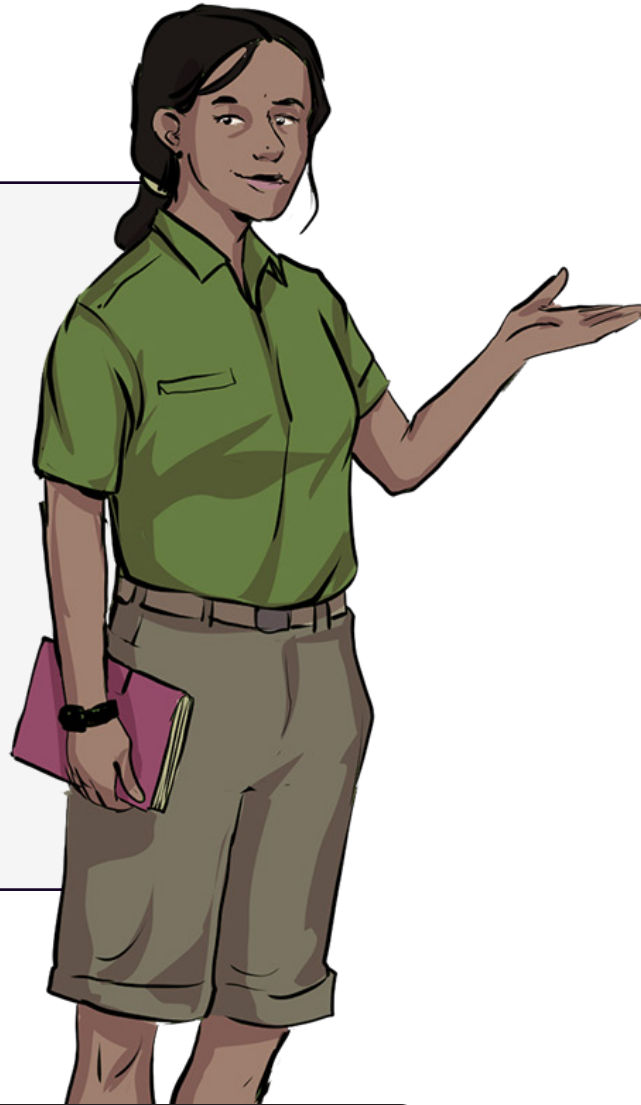
First the body was **cleaned** and the **insides removed** through a **cut in the left side** of the body.



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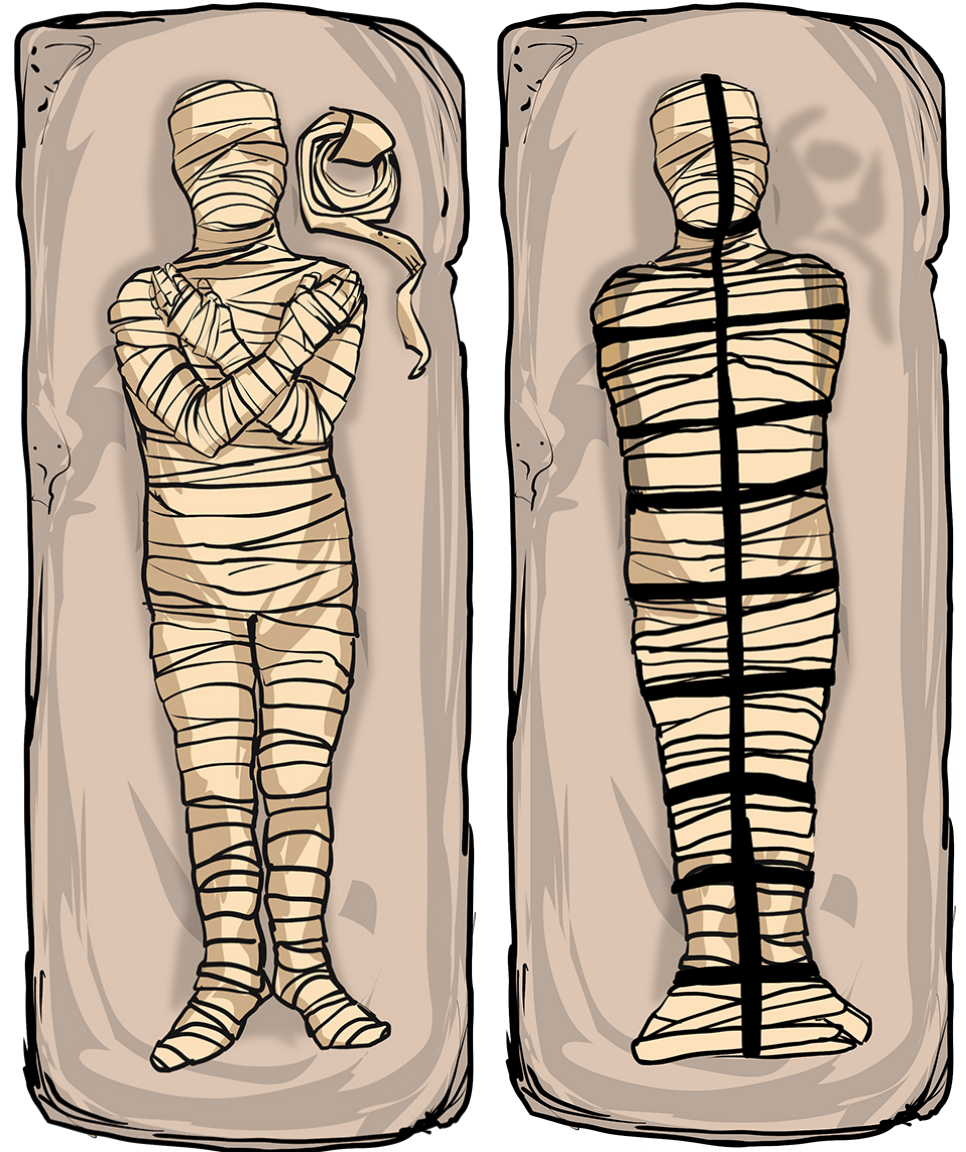
After all of the insides were out, the **empty body** was **cleaned** and **dried**.

The embalmers (the people doing the job of mummifying) put **cloth** and a **special liquid** called **resin** inside it until it was full.



The afterlife and mummies

After around **forty days**, the body was wrapped in **cloth bandages** before being rubbed with oils and resin. The cloth wrapping helped **protect the body**, but also **held magical amulets** (small pieces of jewellery) in place and allowed the embalmers to return a more lifelike shape to the dead body.



The afterlife and mummies

At this time, some very special burials saw the first use of four strange jars called **canopic jars**. Each one held a **body part** from the dead person. Some bodies are then placed in a **sarcophagus** which is like a coffin. These are highly **decorated** and **patterned**.



Duamutef
of the East
Guardian of the
Stomach



Qebehsenuef
of the West
Guardian of the
Intestines



Hapi
of the North
Guardian of the
Lungs



Imseti
of the South
Guardian of the
Liver



True or false activity

Read the statements below and decide whether they are **true** or **false**.

Be ready to **share your feedback** with the class before the answers are revealed.



True

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Let's discuss



Study this picture of an **Egyptian burial** with your learning partner and **discuss** the questions below:



- What do you notice?
- What are the jars on the floor being used for?
- Why is the body being wrapped in cloth?
- What might the objects be on the back table?

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Let's discuss



A **person** has died and is going through the **mummification** process.

The jars on the floor are holding the dead persons' **organs**.

The body is **wrapped in strips** of cloth to protect the body.

The objects on the back table might be **resins** and **oils** for the body.

Activity 1

Write about what happens at each stage during the **process of mummification** on your activity 1 worksheets.



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What was the **cause** of Egyptians mummifying their dead?

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Ancient Egyptians believe about the afterlife? ★★
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the body is _____ and the _____
_____ side of the body. _____ is made on the _____

Word bank
left-hand organs cleaned

_____ and _____
_____ filled with _____ and a special _____

Word bank
cleaned dried cloth

_____ days the body is wrapped in _____
being rubbed with _____

Word bank
cloth bandages

_____ The _____
_____ jars. These jars _____
_____ certain _____

Word bank
sarcophagus



Challenge



Read the statements on your challenge worksheets and **tick** whether they are **always** true, **sometimes** true or **never** true.

**Always****Sometimes****Never**

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