



EGYPT

The pharaoh was the most important person in Egypt. He was the king but the Egyptians thought he was also a god. They thought he was descended from the sun god Re

The duties of the Pharaoh

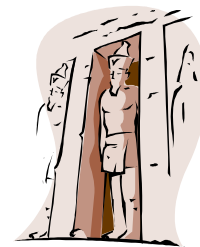
The pharaoh had many duties to perform. He was in charge of the courts where the Egyptians went to get justice. He was in charge of the army and led his soldiers into battle.

Most important of all, the pharaoh was head of religion and offered gift to the gods in the name of all other Egyptians

Taxes made the pharaoh very rich. He owned all of Egypt and all Egyptians had to pay him goods for taxes like fish, grain or jewellery. Another kind of tax was work tax. Every year one person from each household had to work for three weeks working for the pharaoh

The scribes kept lists of who had paid their taxes, Officials had to guard over his grain cattle and his treasury where his gold and jewels were kept

Pharaoh built palaces, temples and tombs which were made of stone and we can still see today.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The Pharaoh was the god king of ancient Egypt he led his army into battle and offered gifts to the gods*
- *Egyptians paid taxes to the pharaoh. They paid him with goods and work not money*
- *Many officials and scribes helped the pharaohs to rule*
- *Pharaohs built tombs, temples and tombs which can still be seen today.*

PYRAMIDS

When a pharaoh died the Egyptians carried his body to a temple in a special boat where it was embalmed. Then the priests carried the pharaoh body to its tomb. They also brought furniture, jewels food and clothes to help home on his journey to the other world.

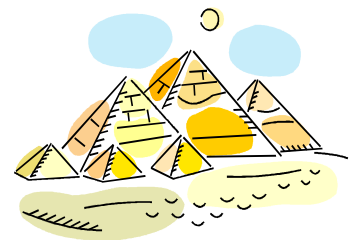
When a Pharaoh died called

Zoser his chief adviser decided to build a new kind of tomb. It was a pyramid with stepped sides. Inside there were several rooms and many corridors. Pharaohs Zoser body and goods were put in the tomb.

Later Pharaohs built pyramids with flat sides. The most famous are at Giza. This

biggest one was built for Pharaoh Cheops. It is said to be one of the seven wonders of the world.

In time they stopped building pyramids and built them in a remote valley in the desert



WHERE THEY LIVED

Egyptian houses were made from brick which crumbled away

Houses had flat roofs where people slept in summer

Poor people had little furniture

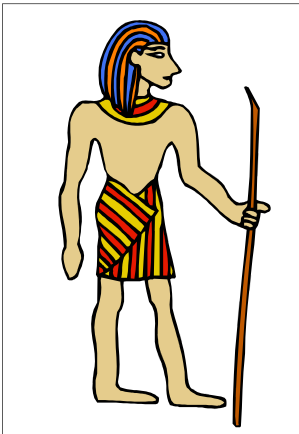
Rich peoples houses had big gardens and many rooms with lots of furniture

They had an open courtyard in the centre

Their furniture was made of wood with gold and ivory



WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE



Men dressed in a white linen kilt. They wore their hair short because of the heat

On special occasions they wore wigs

They also wore jewellery

Women wore a straight white tunic

Their hair was long and straight

They wore makeup they wore green and black on their eyes and red on their cheek and lips



EVERYDAY LIFE

Egyptians married young

Wealthy Egyptians loved to throw feasts,

They ate bread and meat with beer and wine

They loved to play music and sing, They had an instrument like a harp

They also played board games like ludo. Archaeologists found many board games buried in tombs



CRAFTS

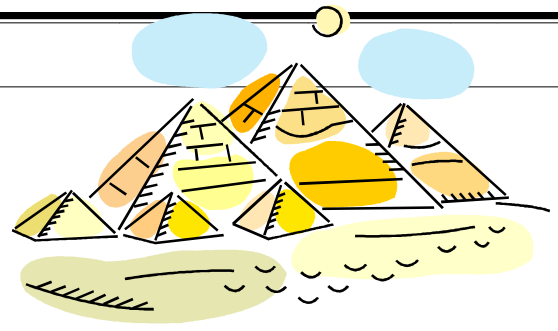
Egyptians were skilled craftspeople. They made many beautiful and useful things

Metal workers were very skilful they jewelry from bronze silver and gold.

Potters made clay dishes for cooking and eating

Weavers made their own cloth like linen and wool

Carpenters made furniture and wooden objects like chests and coffins



GODS

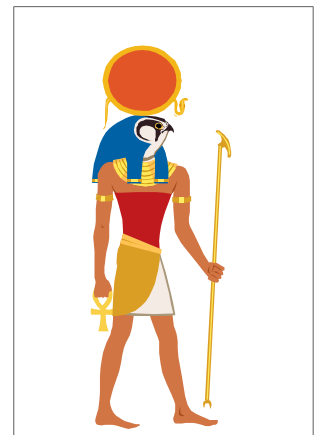
The Egyptians worshipped many gods



Amun was the king of gods Re was the god of the sun.

Bes was the favourite household god. He brought happiness and luck to the home and looked after children and loved music and dancing

Egyptians built temples for the gods and priests worshipped them in the temples



PHARAOHS

The pharaoh was the king of ancient Egypt.

They also believed him to be a god

Egyptians paid taxes to the Pharaoh. They paid him with goods and work, not money

Pharaohs were helped by many scribes and officials.

The scribe kept a record of who paid their taxes

The pharaohs built palaces, temples and tombs.

When he dies they also put in his tomb furniture

food and jewels to help him on his journey to the other world.

Many were buried in pyramids. The most famous are in Giza



Mummification



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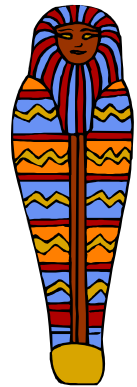
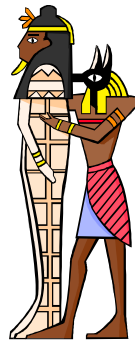
First the body was washed in the waters of the Nile and then it was shaved.

Next the brain was removed by inserting a hook through the nose which broke the brain up and it came out through the nose again.

Then they took out the organs and put them into canopic jars. The heart was left inside as it was thought to be the centre of intelligence.

Next the body was covered in natron a salt to dry the body out for 40 days. It was

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WRITING

The first Egyptian writing was picture writing. Each word had a matching picture. It changed over time to represent letters. They were called hieroglyphs

Only a few people knew how to read or write. They were called scribes. To become one you had to study for many years.

They wrote on a kind of paper made from papyrus a reed that grows in the Nile. Their pens were made from a sharpened reed. Scribes wrote laws, prayers and records of taxes.

For many years no one knew how to read hieroglyphs. A soldier found a stone with both Greek and hieroglyphs on it in a town called Rosetta. Using this stone they

were able to crack the code.

