

EGYPT'S GOLDEN EMPIRE

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Tombs and the Afterlife Fact Finding Worksheet

Directions: Using the video clips and online content from Egypt's Golden Empire along with class discussion and additional outside research, write a complete answer for each question. Be sure to read the questions in advance so you know which topics you should be researching. In addition, be as specific as possible when recording data, and include drawings or pictures as needed to assist you with completing a related project. Additional internet resources are included below to assist you with answering each question. Use additional paper to record information if necessary.

1. Why were elaborate tombs so important to pharaohs as well as everyday Egyptians?
2. Ancient Egyptians believed in the afterlife. Discuss this concept and the specific things Egyptians did as part of their burial customs to prepare for this journey to the afterlife.
3. What religious ceremonies and/or gods and goddesses were associated with Egyptian burial and death?
4. What does the way a tomb is decorated and the items buried with the dead tell us about the person buried there?
5. What were some of the typical, everyday items that might be included in an Ancient Egyptian tomb, and why were these included?
6. How did the tombs of the pharaohs and royal family members differ from those of the average Egyptian?
7. What did traditional Egyptian artwork look like during the time of the great pharaohs?
8. Why was being a tomb builder considered a very important job in ancient Egypt?

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9. Describe, briefly, the process of mummification and why it was used by the ancient Egyptians.

10. List other important information associated with death, tombs, and burial in ancient Egypt.

Additional Internet Resources:

NOVA: The Mummy Who Would Be King [<http://www.pbs.org/nova/mummy/>] provides a detailed description about the mummification process and discussion about how ancient Egyptians viewed the afterlife. Included are pictures of famous, well-preserved mummies.

Secrets of the Pharaohs [<http://www.pbs.org/pharaohs/>] offers a look at diagrams of King Tut's tomb as well as descriptions of the mummification process.

Scientific American Dead Men's Tales: The Real Pyramid Builders [<http://www.pbs.org/saf/1203/index.html>] discusses the role of tomb builders and the fact that they were craftsmen and not slaves. A discussion of what was contained in the average worker's tomb, as well as details about the tomb and how the body was buried are also included.

Egyptian Afterlife, Coffins, and Mummy Masks [<http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptafterlife.html>] includes pictures, drawings, and explanations on the afterlife and the burial process used in ancient Egypt.

The Ancient Egypt Web pages [<http://members.aol.com/TeacherNet/AncientEgypt.html>] supply links to a wide variety of subjects related to ancient Egypt.

The Goddesses and Gods of Ancient Egypt [<http://www.mnsu.edu/emuseum/prehistory/egypt/religion/godslist.html>] provides a comprehensive list of the gods and goddesses along with an explanation of what they represented. There is also a pronunciation guide and a physical description of what the god/goddess looked like.

- The British Museum's Gods and Goddesses [<http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/gods/explore/main.html>] provides a comprehensive picture and alphabetical list of the most important gods and goddesses. There is also a physical description of what the god/goddess looked like and what they represented. afterlife.