



# Ancient Egypt WebQuest



The following questions will explore mummification, pyramid building, King Tut's curse and cats in ancient Egypt.



## 1. Mummification:

- How long did the mummification process take?
- What was the first step in the mummification process?
- Why was the heart left inside the body?
- What was placed in canopic jars?



What four gods were associated with the canopic jars?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



- How was all the moisture removed from body?
- What was the next step after all the moisture was removed from the body?
- What material is painted on the bandages to glue them together?
- What were the amulets meant to protect against?
- Why did the Egyptians practice mummification?



## 2. Pyramids:

- What method was probably used to construct the pyramids?
- Who built them?

Which ancient Greek historian started a false rumor concerning the people who built the pyramids?



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c) What architect gained fame by building the first pyramid?

d) What is the “bent” pyramid?

e) What is the largest pyramid ever built?

f) How many stones did it take to build?

How much did the stones weigh?

g) What pharaoh built the last of the great pyramids?

Why was it the last?



### 3. King Tutankhamen’s Curse:

a) Why would King Tutankhamen’s tomb be protected by a curse? What did the curse say?

b) What object was found in Tutankhamen’s that suggested there was a curse?

c) Who was the first person to die as a result of “the curse”?

d) Of the people present at the opening of Tutankhamen’s tomb, how many died within 10 years?

e) Besides the curse, what are other possible explanations for the deaths?

f) Is the curse is fact or fiction? Why do you think so?

### 4. Cat’s in ancient Egypt:

a) When were cats domesticated in Egypt?

b) What did cats actually do for the ancient Egyptians?

c) What does it mean if someone sees a cat in a dream?

d) Given the information in the websites, why do you think the Egyptians mummified cats?