

Ancient Egypt:6 Pyramids

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How Pyramids are Built.

Stone was crucial to a pyramid and Egyptians looked for stone in various places throughout the Nile River. After they found the stone, skilled artisans used copper tools to chip the stone into very large blocks. Next, they used ropes to secure them to wooden sleds. Then, the stones get put onto barges and carried onto the building site. Egyptians had many problems on the build and made some important discoveries. A pyramid rested on a square-shaped foundation. Finally, they covered the pyramid in white casing stone to maintain the structure. Many scholars believe that the pyramid shape has a religious meaning to the Egyptians. The first pyramid (called the “Step Pyramid”) was created by an incredible architect name Imhotep for a kind named king Zoser. The Pyramids of Giza which were 10 pyramids were built for kings around 2500 B.C. to 2600 B.C. and the biggest of the pyramids was made for King Khufu.

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Here is one of the blocks used to make Egyptian pyramids

The Step Pyramid.

The Step Pyramid is the oldest pyramid ever built. It was created by the architect Imhotep for King Zoser. It was called the step pyramid because it has a unique step shape and looked different more modern pyramids. It was created in 2650 B.C. and rests in Memphis, Sapparah, In Cairo. It was made of giant terraces "steps" that created the base and structure of the pyramid



The Pyramids of Giza and Tallest and Largest One

The 10 pyramids of Giza were one of the first smooth-sided pyramids. They were very well-kept and were very large compared to other pyramids. 3 of the were bigger and the best preserved. They were built around 2500 to 2600 B.C. The largest pyramid belong to King Khufu, the second one belong to King Khafre, and the third one belong to King Menkaure. The Great Pyramid which is King Khufu's consisted of around 2 million blocks and stood 450 ft tall. The blocks were about 2 tons each and the top eroded some but it still is the biggest pyramid of all time.



The Special Pyramid

The Sphinx was made to be a guardian tomb to protect the pharaoh Khafre. The Sphinx was a mythological creature carved out of stone that's half lion half human. They stored the stone Egyptians used to build pyramids with. The Sphinx was built in front of a king's tomb. It was the most important Egyptian monument. It was built for kings and queens to symbolize their personality. The Sphinx we all know otherwise known as "The great Sphinx" is the biggest one and it measure 240 feet long. This Sphinx and all the other ones were made out of the same material as pyramids. The Sphinx was considered a pyramid even though it was very different than a pyramid. The word sphinx refers to evil monster in greek.

Fun fact: The Sphinx is the largest Egyptian monument there is relate
pyramids



What is inside pyramids?

Leo: What's inside pyramids. Pyramids were built to put mummies inside and give them everything they need for the afterlife. They put food, water, gold, gems, weapons, clothes, and furniture. Many pharaohs like king tut are put inside pyramids. There are 9 different rooms in a pyramid. There is the Air Shaft, The king's burial chamber which includes where the king's mummified body is placed in the center of the pyramid. There is the Grand gallery which is a tall hill that is sloping that locks the tomb in place. Next there is the Queen's burial chamber. The queen's burial chamber is what holds the statue of a king. There is the entrance. The entrance is literally just the entrance to the tomb, very self explanatory.

Fun Fact: Egyptians who helped build the pyramids believed they got great rewards in the afterlife

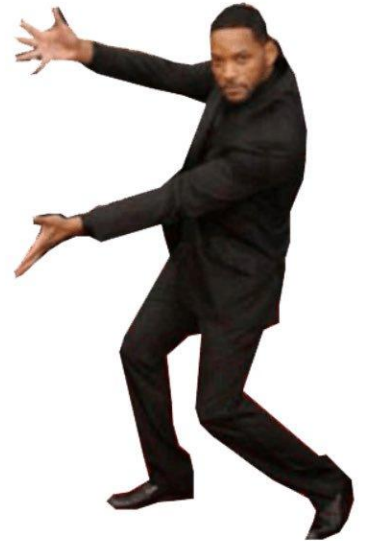



**WOW,
I DIDN'T KNOW
THAT!**




What is inside?

Next we have the underground burial chamber which is another option to put the kings inside. Not all the kings were in the king's burial chamber, but not all kings were in the underground one either. Next we have the queen's pyramids. The queen's pyramids were small pyramids that we infer that they were the tombs of the king's partners. Next we have the Mastaba. The mastaba were tombs that dedicated the members of the kings and gave them nobles and awards. Last and definitely not least, we have the valley temple. The valley Temple is a temple that could have been used for summoning and rituals for the kings before they were dead.



King's Tut's tomb treasure

Here are a few images of king tut's tomb treasure



Pyramids Around The World

The Moche Indians built large “pyramids” also. The Temple of the Sun which is a pyramid that looks like the step pyramid was one of their biggest. Indians of central Mexico also created giant stepped pyramids that were called the sun and moon pyramids. These pyramids are based off of Egyptian Pyramids. These pyramids might look different but are made out of stone, used for religious ceremonies and all have that signature pyramid,shape.



The reasoning of pyramids.

There are many reasons of why the Egyptians built the pyramids. AND IT'S NOT ALIENS.

Pyramids were built to honor their pharaohs. The Egyptians put a lot of the pharaoh's belongings such as Gold, furniture, and their pets, next to the burial so the Pharaoh would be comfortable. The Egyptians also thought that death was a journey to another world.

Another reason the Egyptians put treasure around the pharaoh was so the pharaoh would be a "step up" in the after life.

here is an example of
treasure near the tomb



as you can see here there is all types of treasure even
furniture. You can also see gold and items

Some fun facts about pyramids!

1. The angles on the pyramid were supposed to be a “stairway” to the other world.
2. Even other places decided to make pyramids.
3. Did you know the city, Memphis, in Tennessee is based off of the city in Saqqarah, Cairo
4. Did you also know they built pyramids out of limestone which is our state rock
5. The Khufu pyramid and many others are getting shorter and shorter every year.

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