

## Tutankhamun facts

Born: around 1342 BC

Died: around 1323 BC

Pharaoh from approx. 1333 BC to 1323 BC

Known as the 'boy king' as he became pharaoh aged only 9

Tomb discovered by Howard Carter and his team in the Valley of the Kings in 1922

Tomb contained over 3000 treasures

Historians believe Tutankhamun died suddenly as the tomb was finished hastily.

## Key Vocabulary

<b>BC</b>	Used to show that a date is before the year 0. This is counted backwards, so 200 BC is before 100 BC.
<b>AD</b>	Used to show that a date is after the year 0. This is counted forwards, so AD 100 is before AD 200.
<b>irrigation</b>	A system of canals or channels Egyptians dug to supply water to grow crops over a larger area than the water would reach naturally.
<b>silt</b>	Fine particles of soil, clay or sand carried and left by water.
<b>hieroglyphics</b>	A system of writing that used pictures and symbols (hieroglyphs) instead of letters.'
<b>cartouche</b>	An oval shape in which the names of kings and queens were often written in hieroglyphics to show that they were special.
<b>pharaoh</b>	A ruler of ancient Egypt.
<b>Embalming</b>	To preserve a dead body from decay.
<b>Mummification</b>	To preserve the skin and flesh from a body over years.

# Ancient Egypt

## The Nile

The river Nile was essential to life in ancient Egypt. Every year, it flooded, leaving behind a black silt that enriched the soil for growing crops. The river was also used to irrigate fields in other areas. Most people lived along and around the Nile.

This is still true in Egypt today. The river was used for water, fishing and trade. Mud from the river was used for bricks and papyrus plants were used to make paper.

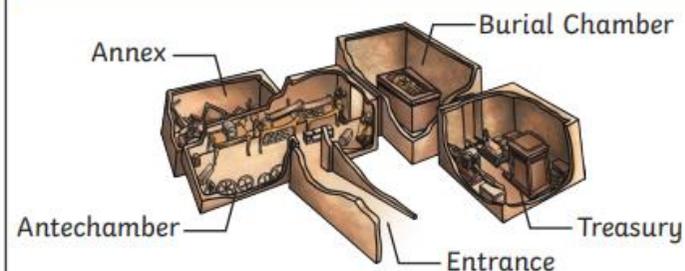
## Embalming and Mummification

1. Wash the body.
2. Pull out the brain through the nostrils with a hook and fill the skull with sawdust.
3. Remove all internal organs except the heart. Put them into canopic jars.
4. Cover the body in natron salt and leave it to dry for 40 days.
5. Remove the natron salt and pack the body with straw, dried grass or linen.
6. Apply makeup and fake eyes.
7. Wrap the body in linen fabric, adding amulets and a Book of the Dead.
8. Place the mummy in a sarcophagus (decorated coffin).



canopic jars

## Tutankhamun's Tomb



Tutankhamun's death mask