
Mummies! Unwrapping the Secrets of Ancient Egypt

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Article 1: Food and Servants for the Dead

Comprehension Questions

1. Why did the ancient Egyptians give food to the dead?
 - a. *So that the dead person wouldn't be hungry after death.*
 - b. So that animals would have food to eat if they came to the mummy's tomb.
 - c. So that archeologists would have food to eat if they found the mummy's tomb.
 - d. So that the mummy's servants could make a feast for themselves.
2. Why did the pharaoh need servants after he died?
 - a. To rub the pharaoh's mummy with oil.
 - b. *To serve him in the afterlife.*
 - c. To keep robbers away from the tomb.
 - d. To stop archeologists from taking the mummy apart.

Vocabulary Questions

1. Some scientists study things that have been left behind by ancient people. These scientists are called _____.
 - a. Egyptians
 - b. pharaohs
 - c. servants
 - d. *archeologists*
2. A _____ is a room or building where a dead body is kept.
 - a. *tomb*
 - b. mummy
 - c. grave
 - d. wall

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Article 2: Animal Mummies

Comprehension Questions

1. You learned how the ancient Egyptians made cat mummies. Which of these answers is **not** a step in making a cat mummy?
 - a. Clean out the cat's internal organs.
 - b. Soak the cat's body in oil.
 - c. Dry out the cat's body with natron.
 - d. Wrap the cat's body with strips of cloth.
2. Why did some ancient Egyptians make their pets into mummies?
 - a. So that other people would not have to take care of the pets.
 - b. So that animals like crocodiles and falcons could not eat the pet.
 - c. So that archeologists could learn about pets in ancient Egypt.
 - d. So that the pets could follow their owners around in the afterlife.

Vocabulary Questions

1. A _____ is a person who travels a long way to visit a holy place.
 - a. pilgrim
 - b. stray
 - c. Bastet
 - d. servant
2. Mummies that were made as gifts for the gods were called _____.
 - a. Hapy-Min mummies
 - b. natron mummies
 - c. votive mummies
 - d. giant mummies

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Article 3: Robbing Tombs

Comprehension Questions

1. The ancient Egyptians used many tricks to keep robbers from finding tombs. Mark the answer that is **not** one of the tricks they used?
 - a. *They left a guard dog outside the tomb.*
 - b. They hid the entrance to the pyramid.
 - c. They made a maze of tunnels.
 - d. They blocked the entrance with heavy stones.
2. Why did the Egyptians write curses inside the tombs?
 - a. To warn crocodiles and snakes to stay away from the tomb.
 - b. To ask the gods to guard the tomb.
 - c. *To warn robbers about the bad things that would happen if they stole from the tombs.*
 - d. To scare the mummies in the afterlife.

Vocabulary Questions

1. A _____ is a warning about all the bad things that might happen to a robber if he stole things from a tomb.
 - a. Bastet
 - b. *curse*
 - c. falcon
 - d. baboon
2. The pharaoh's mummy was put inside a room called a _____.
 - a. *burial chamber*
 - b. tomb tunnel
 - c. dead-end
 - d. votive room

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Article 4: Looking Inside Mummies

Comprehension Questions

1. What did scientists find when they looked inside the skull of Horemkenesi?
 - a. Sawdust
 - b. A gold statue
 - c. A curse
 - d. Dead beetles

2. Why did the ancient Egyptians kill many kittens?
 - a. To prepare them as food for a dead person in the afterlife.
 - b. To feed them to snakes, crocodiles and baboons.
 - c. To give them as gifts to the goddess Bastet.
 - d. To cut them into small pieces of meat like you might find in a grocery store today.

Vocabulary Questions

1. Archeologists use _____ to study the insides of a mummy without hurting it.
 - a. water
 - b. X-rays
 - c. natron
 - d. sockets

2. In the old days, _____ held parties to unwrap the mummies that they brought back from Egypt.
 - a. priests
 - b. Egyptians
 - c. kings
 - d. explorers