



History

Ancient Egypt

Tutankhamun



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Ask two questions about why somebody created your source.

Who Was Tutankhamun?

What type of source did you have?	What does the source tell you?	Why do you think it was written (or photographed)?
Source 1: Newspaper article	• 3300-year-old sarcophagus • Beautiful • Crown and sceptre	It was written for the British people to read.
Source 2: Letter	• Tutankhamun has been found • Figures, papyri, clothing • The treasures were guarded	It was a personal letter written from Lord Carnarvon to his friend.
Source 3: Newspaper article	• 15th c. relics found in the Valley of the Kings, Luxor • The end of a 7-year dig • Mr Howard Carter found it	It was written for the people of Derby to read.
Source 4: Newspaper pictures	• A tomb was found • The tomb was guarded • Lord Carnarvon led the dig	It was written to show people the environment where the tomb was found.
Source 5: Diary or recount	• It was dark in the chamber • HC found animals, statues and gold • HC could see "wonderful things"	It was written to retell the events of the discovery from the writer's point of view.
Source 6: Article or diary	• We have stolen Tutankhamun's belongings • Intruders are punished • A curse may have infected LC	It may have been written to warn people of a curse, or to add to excitement that there may have been a curse.
Source 7: Photographs	• The objects from the tomb were covered in gold • There was a range of types of objects found • Tutankhamun must have been important	These photographs were taken to show the world how wealthy the pharaoh must have been.

Tutankhamun



Finish this sentence with your own ideas,
based on what you have found out.

Tutankhamun...

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Facts. Do yours match?

**Tutankhamun's burial place
was discovered in 1922 by
Mr Howard Carter.**

**Tutankhamun was an
ancient Egyptian pharaoh.**

**Tutankhamun was found
with an olive wreath
on his head.**

**Tutankhamun was found
surrounded by many
golden objects.**

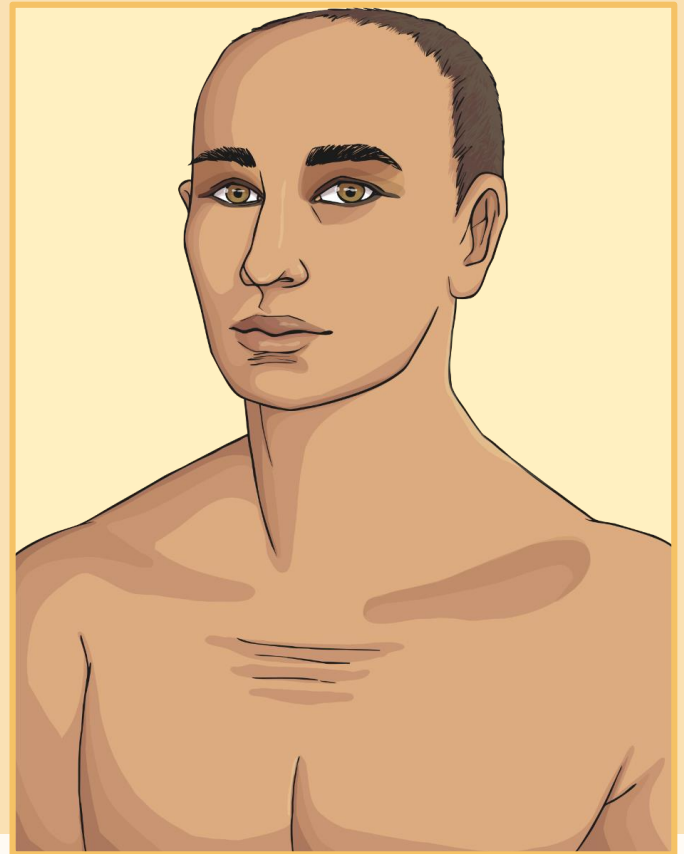
Tutankhamun

Born: Around 1342 BC

Died: Around 1323 BC

Reign: Approximately 1333 - 1323 BC

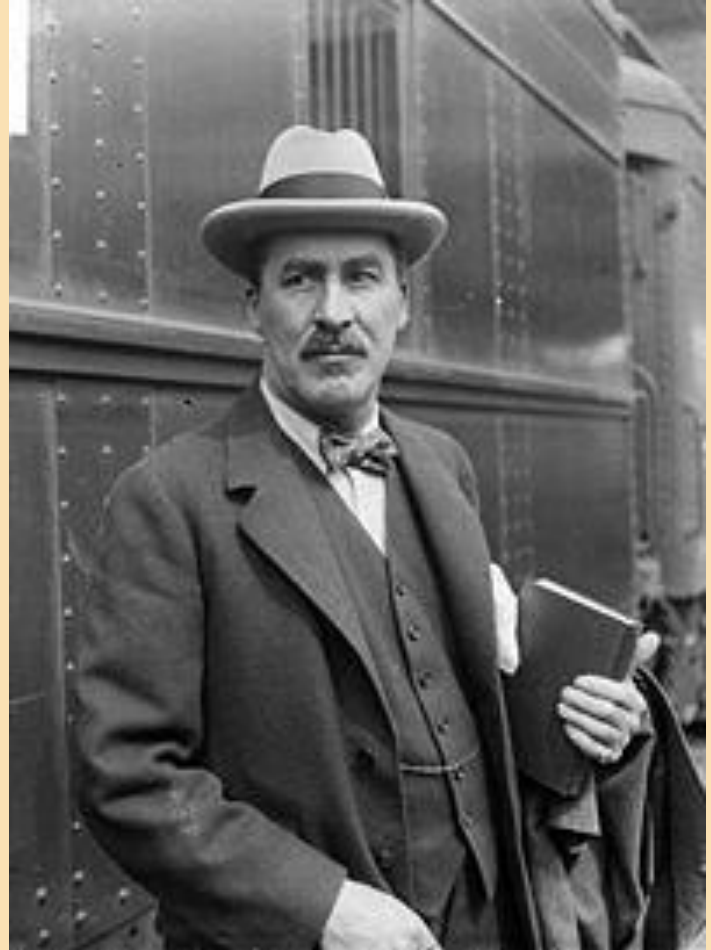
Tutankhamun became the Pharaoh at the age of nine and ruled at a time when the Egyptian Empire was at its strongest. He ruled for about nine years until his death the age of about eighteen. We are still not sure how he died, but there are many opinions about this. Some people say it was from a disease that he suffered from after he broke his leg. We do know now that his death was a surprise for many as he was buried in a tomb which had been built very fast and messily.



Tutankhamun

Who Found His Tomb?

The tomb was found by a group of researchers led by Howard Carter (right). The reason why Tutankhamun is one of the most famous and talked about pharaohs is because his tomb was only found in 1922, which means that all of the treasures and the body inside have been left in very good condition. Carter knew where to look because he worked out from other important finds that the tomb would be in the Valley of the Kings. A cup found by a man named Theodore Davis, with Tutankhamun and his wife on it, was a clue that Carter said helped him find the tomb of the Boy King.



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What They Found

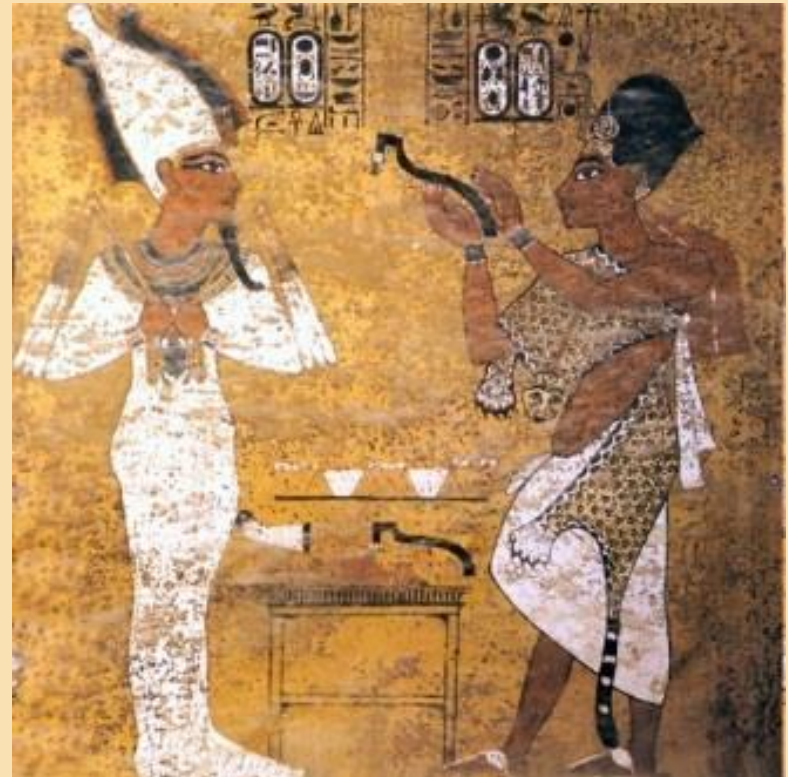
Inside the tomb they found over 3000 treasures that were put in for Tutankhamun to take with him into the afterlife. Many of the items were made from (or covered in) gold, which was only fitting for a king to own. The tomb itself was split into many different rooms. Most of the rooms were for the objects, apart from the burial chamber which just held his sarcophagus.



Tutankhamun

Decoration

The burial chamber with the body is the only decorated room in the tomb, which is very unusual for a resting place of a king. Normally, all the walls would be carved or painted, which is how we know that Tutankhamun died very suddenly. Many historians also believe that the tomb itself was not made for him in the first place and the burial chamber and decorations were added later. The images on the walls were from a ritual called the 'opening of the mouth' (an example of it can be seen on the right).



Tutankhamun

The Curse of the Mummy!

The curse of the mummy started after Tutankhamun's tomb was opened. Mummies have been thought to have magical powers over any who disturb them. It started when Lord Carnarvon (the man who paid for the dig of King Tut's tomb) died soon after it was opened. As soon as he died, all the lights in Cairo went out mysteriously. Other stories are that Carter's pet canary was killed by a cobra and that Carnarvon's dog died the same night. Some think it was a germ but others say it was magic.



"Read All About It!"



You are an excited journalist, reporting from Cairo, explaining about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

Use the **Newspaper Prompt Sheet** to help you with the facts.

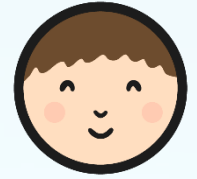
Use the **Newspaper Planning Activity Sheet** as a place to write some of your ideas, before you do your newspaper.

Newspaper Prompt Sheet		
Who?	Tutankhamun. Pharaoh 1332 - 1323 BC Born 1346 BC Died 1323 BC	
What?	Howard Carter found the steps. <i>A few days ago...</i> Lord Carnarvon arrived in Egypt. <i>Without hesitation...</i> The man entered the tomb. <i>With great care.</i> The Valley of the Kings, Egypt	
Where?		
When?	1922 - 23 1st November: HC is given his first chance by L.S. 4th November: the steps are discovered. 23rd November: L.S. arrives in Egypt. 28th November: the first case is opened. February 17th - 1923: the final door is opened.	
Why?	Howard Carter Archaeologist Worked in Egypt for 31 years before finding the tomb. Spent 5 years searching for Tutankhamun's tomb.	Lord Carnarvon Rich. Spent £1,000,000 looking for the tomb. Lived ancient Egyptian history.

Newspaper Planning	
This sheet will guide you in what to write in your newspaper article and how to write it.	
What happened?	Early yesterday morning.
Why was Howard Carter in Egypt?	Howard Carter...
What did Howard Carter say when he looked in the tomb?	As Mr. Howard Carter looked into the tomb for the first time he said, "...
Who was Tutankhamun?	Tutankhamun was...
Why do we care about Tutankhamun?	The Pharaoh is important because...



Newspaper Layout



Now you need to write your newspaper!

Use the **Newspaper Template Activity Sheet** as a place to write up your newspaper.

Newspaper name →

Date, price →

Headline →

Picture →

Start writing
paragraph 1 here →

The diagram shows a newspaper layout template. It is divided into several sections: a top section for the newspaper name, a section for the date and price, a large central section for the headline and picture, and a bottom section for the main text. The main text section is further divided into two columns. Arrows point from the labels on the left to the corresponding sections in the template.

Opening the Tomb



The Derby Daily Telegraph wrote:

“When at last, the excavators managed to squeeze their way in, an extraordinary sight met their eyes...”

What could these men have been thinking at this moment?
Answer on a whiteboard.



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