

# Egyptian Pyramids & Monuments

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Ancient Egyptians are well known for their creation of the pyramids, as well as many other famous buildings & monuments!





# Pyramids:

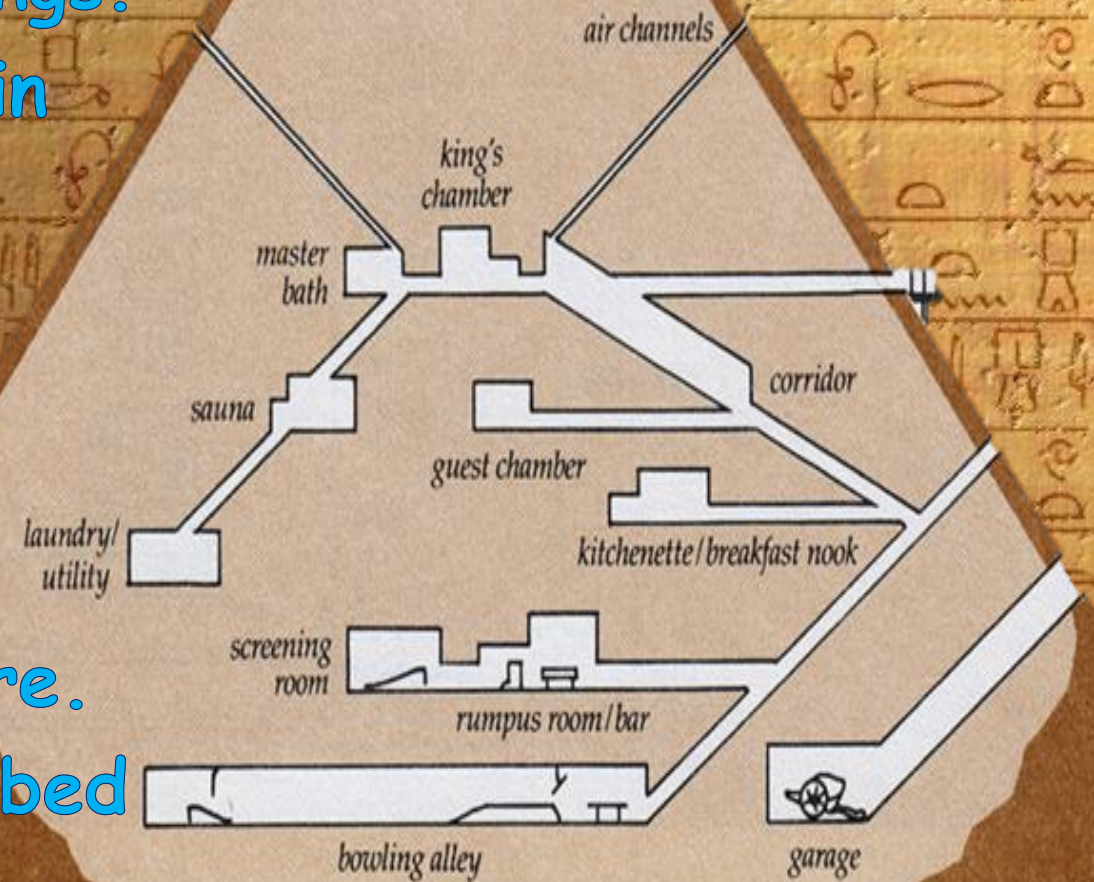
- Pyramids in Egypt were the most well known.
- Over 130 have been discovered.
- Considered to be “houses of eternity”.
- Designed to house the dead & everything for the afterlife.
- Most built as tombs for Pharaohs & families.
- Designed with a North facing entrance.
- Wanted to be aligned with the North star.
- Built by farmers & labourers during flood season.
- Stones used weighed as much as 80 tonnes.





# Inside a Pyramid:

- Pharaoh's **burial chamber** lay deep inside.
- Filled with **treasure** & afterlife items.
- Walls covered with painting & carvings.
- Family members & servants buried in rooms nearby.
- Sometimes contained **fake burial chambers**.
- Designed to confuse **grave robbers**.
- They would try to **steal** the treasure.
- Nearly **all** Egyptian tombs were robbed by **1000 BC**.





# Pyramids of Giza:

- The Pyramids of Giza are one of the 7 Wonders of the World!
- They took 23 years to build.
- Also known as the Pyramid of Khufu.
- Built as a tomb for Pharaoh Khufu.
- Oldest of the Ancient Wonders of the World.
- Still largely intact today.
- Reaches around 481 feet tall.
- Made of 2.3 million limestone blocks.
- Surrounded by other monuments including the Sphinx.





# The Great Sphinx:

- Sphinx - mythological creature with a lion's body & human head.
- The head was used by Pharaohs.
- Stood in front of the Great Pyramid.
- Designed to protect & guard the pyramid.
- Carved from a single limestone rock.
- Thought the head might be that of a great Pharaoh Khafre.
- Built around 2500 BC.
- Currently missing the nose & beard, as they've broken over time.





# Valley of the Kings:

- The Valley of the Kings was a burial ground for Pharaohs.
- Took the place of pyramids as tombs in 1500 BC.
- Had lots of artwork inside.
- Contained stories about each of the Pharaohs.
- Over 60 tombs inside!
- Many were robbed.
- Only one tomb remained untouched - the tomb of Tutankhamun.





# Abu Simbel:

- Abu Simbel was built by Pharaoh Ramesses III.
- It is two temples built into a solid rock cliff.
- Dedicated to some of the Ancient Egyptian Gods.
- Became unused after a while.
- Was covered in sand for centuries.
- In 1968 it had to be relocated to avoid destruction by a lake.
- Considered one of the most beautiful monuments in the world.

