

Tutankamun's Tomb

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King Tut's tomb was considered the greatest archeological discovery of all times because it was really good source of information of ancient Egypt. The pyramids were royal tombs, but represent only one stage in a long series of monuments created for the afterlife of the Pharaoh.

Howard Carter was a British man that moved to Egypt in his late teens. He had an incredible artistic talent, he was able to use that skill working as an illustrator for archeologists. Later, he will become one of them and discovered a part of Tutankamun's tomb.

Ancient Egyptians had a process of mummification that they did when a pharaoh died. Here is the mummification process in four steps:

- First, they prepare the pharaohs' body. They used a recipe that have properties that give the bodies antibacterial effects that prevent the body from decaying.
- Second, they dry the pharaohs body. They covered the entire body with salt and left it to dry for 40 days.
- Third, restore the body. After the body is completely dry, the embalmers massaged the skin to make it supple. They perfumed the body and stuffed padding under the skin to make it seem more fleshy and realistic. Then, embalmers gave the mummies a bit of a makeover, applying blush and other paints, as well as false eyes.
- Fourth, wrap the body. Finally, they covered the corpse with warm resin and wrapped it in the strips of cloth. The embalmers carefully wrapped each part of the body in several layers of linen strips, often placing a mask of the person's face under the bandages. Each mummy was wrapped in 100 yards of linen strips.

The cause of Tutankamun death is unknown, but they have some theories like: he died from an infection caused by a broken leg, or maybe he died of love poison. Egyptians believe that, when pharaohs died, they became gods and the death was only a continuation of life. They need food, clothing, jewelry, furniture, gold, games as well magical symbols, amulets and figures in their tombs.



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