



Egyptian Pyramids & Mummies

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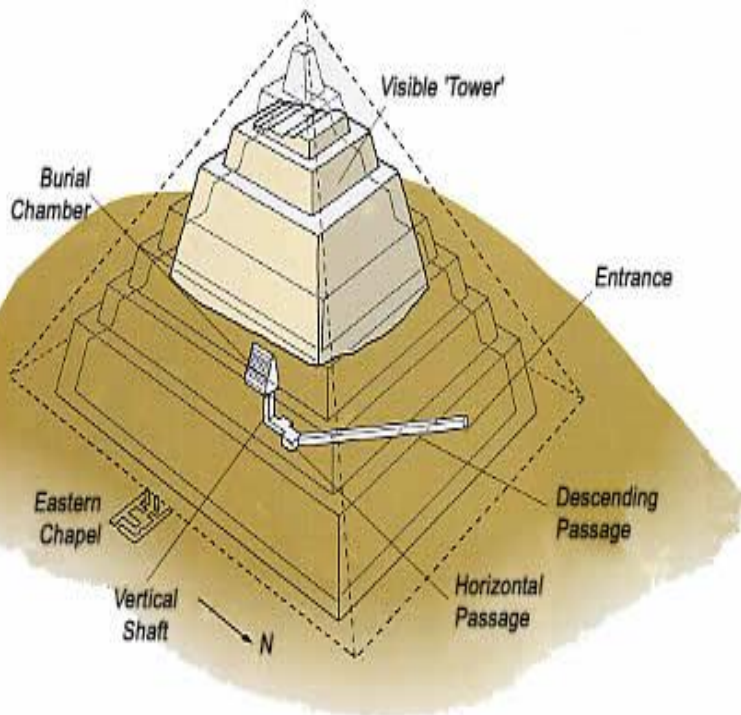
Pyramids – Big Burial Chambers



- Pyramids were burial monuments
- Most were built as tombs for the country's Pharaohs (Royal family) and their consorts .

The estimate of the number of workers to build the pyramids ranged from a few thousand, twenty thousand, and up to 100,000

The most famous Egyptian pyramids are those found at Giza, on the outskirts of Cairo.



Mummies –Life after Death



- Ancient Egyptians had knowledge of several drugs and chemicals with which they preserved the bodies of their dead, called mummies.
- The Egyptians believed in life after death. They mummified the dead body so that the spirits could use it as their home

Mummies –Life after Death



• They put these mummified bodies into tombs with many things like tools, weapons, jewelry and even tables & chairs. Models of brewers were also left in tombs to ensure that the deceased had plenty of beer in the next world.

Even the slaves and attendants were also buried with the pharaohs. There was a belief in ancient Egyptians that mummification ensured the dead a safe passage to the afterlife. The mummification process had 2 stages: 1st the embalming of the body with certain chemicals, then the wrapping and burial of the body.

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When a body was mummified, its brain was removed through one of its nostrils and its intestines were also removed .Each organ was placed in its own jar. The only internal organ they did not remove was the heart, because it was considered to be the seat of the soul by Egyptians.



Ancient Egyptians mummified not only people but animals too. Archeologists have discovered a 15-foot- long mummified crocodile



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