



Egyptian Civilization

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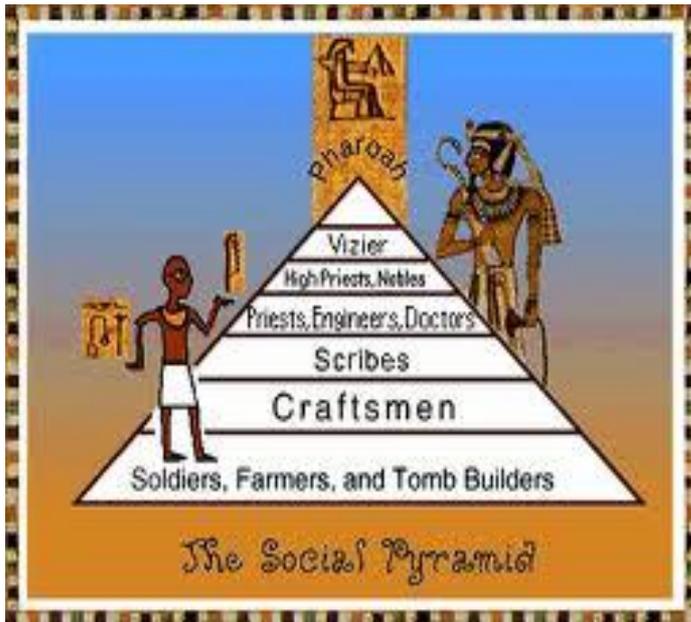
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History & Culture

The old Egyptian civilization emerged in the Nile valley .It was the settlement of early farmers along the banks of the Nile river.

The Egyptians kings were known as 'pharaohs' and built burial chambers called pyramids. The best known pyramid is the famous Great Pyramid at Giza.

The old Egyptian society was divided into 3 classes .The 1st were the pharaohs (kings & family),the 2nd nobility(consisting of priests and high ranking government officials) and in the 3rd rank were farmers & craftsmen.



Culture & Food

Both Egyptian men and women wore makeup – eye paint was usually green which was made from copper or black, made from lead. They believed that the makeup had some kind of healing power. Actually it saved them from sunlight thus giving an impression of its healing abilities.

For ancient Egyptians, bread was the most important food and beer was their most favorite drink



Mummies –Life after Death



The Egyptians believed in life after death. They mummified the dead body so that the spirits could use it as their home .

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

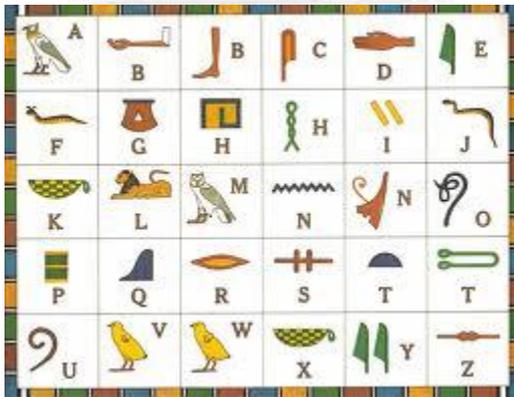


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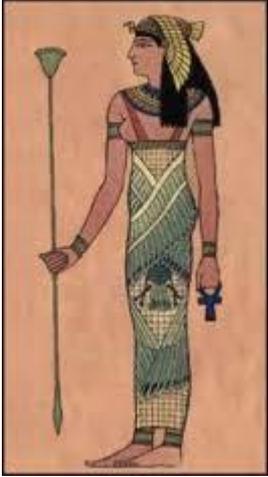
In ancient Egypt, they had devised a unit of measurement known as 'Cubit', a man's fore arm, about 45 cm long.

The ancient Egyptian art of writing is known as 'hieroglyphics' meaning sacred writing. It was made of picture signs. Hieroglyphic writing was from right to left. Later on Egyptians developed a 24-letter alphabet. It was written on papyrus, a paper like material made from a tree of same name.



The ancient Egyptians were the 1st to have a year consisting of 365 days, which was divided into 12 months.

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They first devised 360 days calendar first after observing annual recurrence of floods in Nile river .Later on they added another 5 days to adjust certain myths about moon & religious festivals

You would wonder to know that the oldest death sentence recorded is found in ancient Egypt.

Also the oldest dress in the world comes from Egypt. It is 5,000 years old.

Ancient Egyptians had knowledge of several drugs and chemicals with which they preserved the bodies of their dead, called mummies.

They also invented clocks.



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