

The Egyptians- A report

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Pharaohs

The Pharaohs were the ancient rulers of Egypt. There were over 30 different dynasties who ruled ancient Egypt. The word Pharaoh means great house. The Pharaoh was the most important person the Flail which was like a whip and a hook. There are the tools workers use to separate grain from their stalks. These symbols show the Pharaoh will provide good crops. Viziers helped the Pharaoh govern the country. There were 2 viziers one for upper Egypt and one for lower Egypt. Each vizier had a substantial amount of royal overseers. Each of them were responsible for parts of the government though, the Pharaoh was in charge of it all.

The Egyptian way of life

Egyptian homes were made of mud bricks dried by the sun. The inside of the walls of the house were covered with plaster and painted.

Wealthy people lived in large houses several stories high. Poorer people lived in small houses and might be crowded into one single room.

They cooked their food over a clay open fire. They lit their houses by filling small pottery lamps with oil and burned a wick.

In Egypt people would eat with their fingers as it was polite. In rich households their servants would bring jugs of water so their guests could wash their hands.

Honouring the dead

Mummies were made in Egypt nearly 4000 years ago. The Egyptians believed in the after-life. So when they died they preserved their body by taking out their brain, gut, liver, intestines, and all their insides, then they dry out the body, wrap it in linen strips in mummification and they put it in a pyramid and so the person would go to the after life. You get a bigger pyramid the more important you are.

Gods

The Egyptians worshipped many gods. The god was often half human half animal. Some of their names are: Osiris, Isis, Horus, Thoth, Bastet and Sobek. Anubis, a dog-human, prepares the dead for burial. Priests often wore his mask when preparing bodies for mummification. The king of the Gods was Amun- Ra- the sun god.