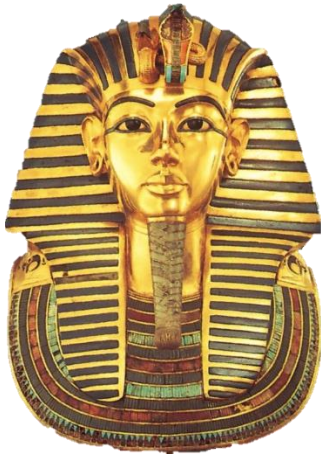


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Pharaohs, Priests and Mummies



Above: the death mask of Tutankhamun (King Tut)
Right: Canopic Jars - the organs of the dead were kept in these jars.

Book List:

1. The Egyptian Book of the Dead
2. The Red Pyramid Series by Rick Riordan
3. Treasury of Egyptian Mythology by, Donna Jo Napoli
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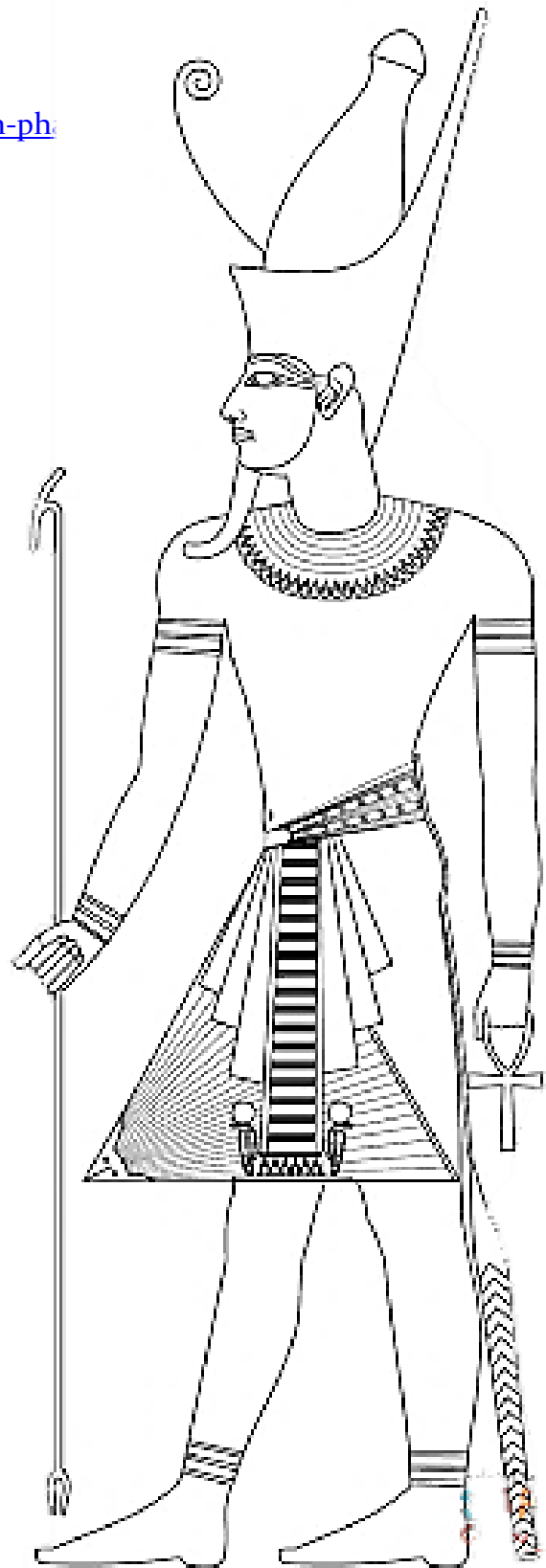
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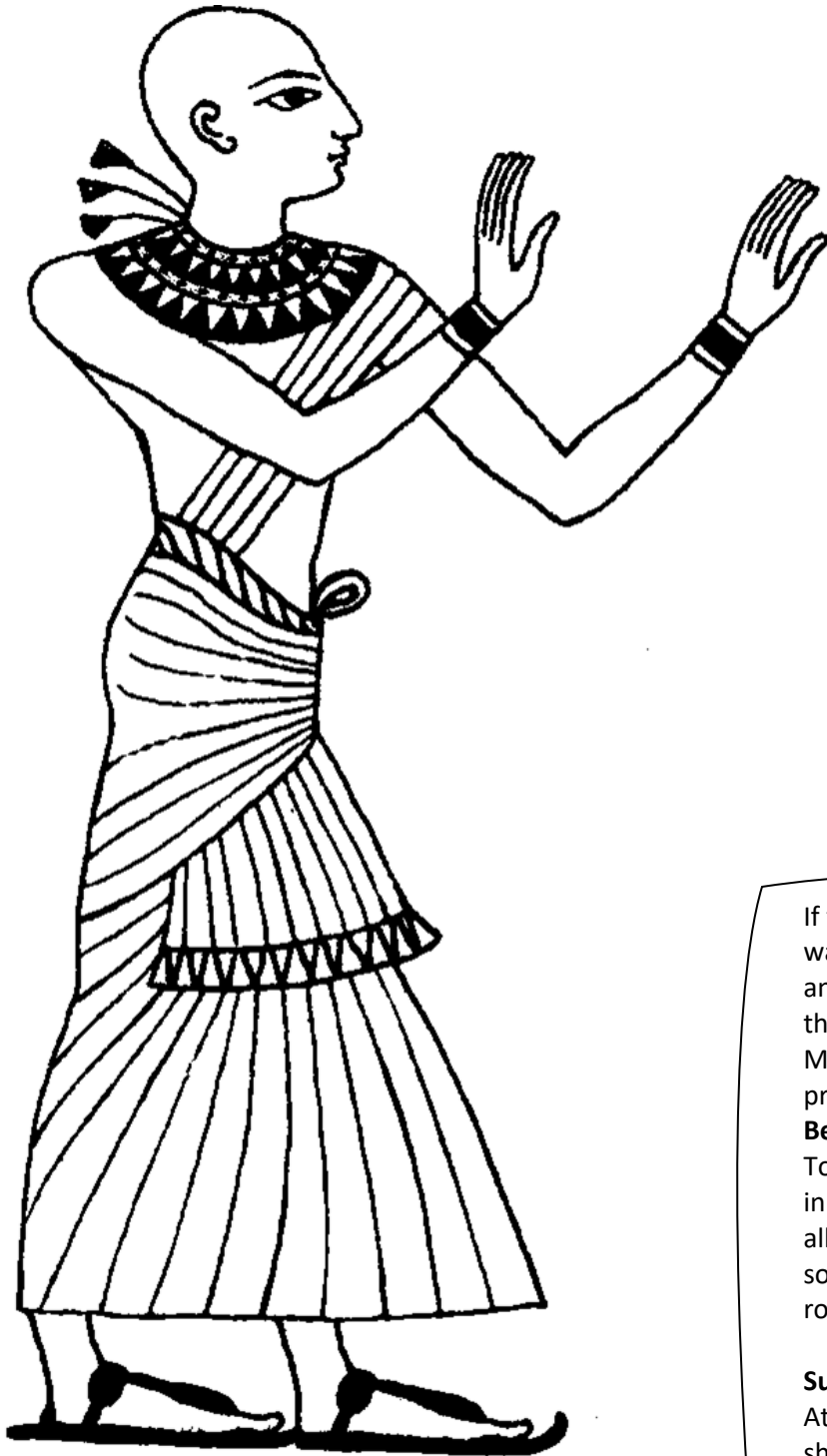
The White "Hedjet" Crown of Upper Egypt was the headdress of the pharaoh ruling Upper Egypt and the Red "Deshret" Crown of Lower Egypt. In 2686 BC, Egypt was unified and so was the crown of the pharaoh, making it the Double Crown, or Pschent.



The sitting pharaoh was said to be the embodiment of divinity and his/ her role was to be the intermediary between the gods and the people as well as the leader of the land.



Priests



If the pharaoh was divinity on earth, it was the priests' jobs to serve him/ her and head up the many temples throughout Egypt.

Many rituals were performed by the priests, including;

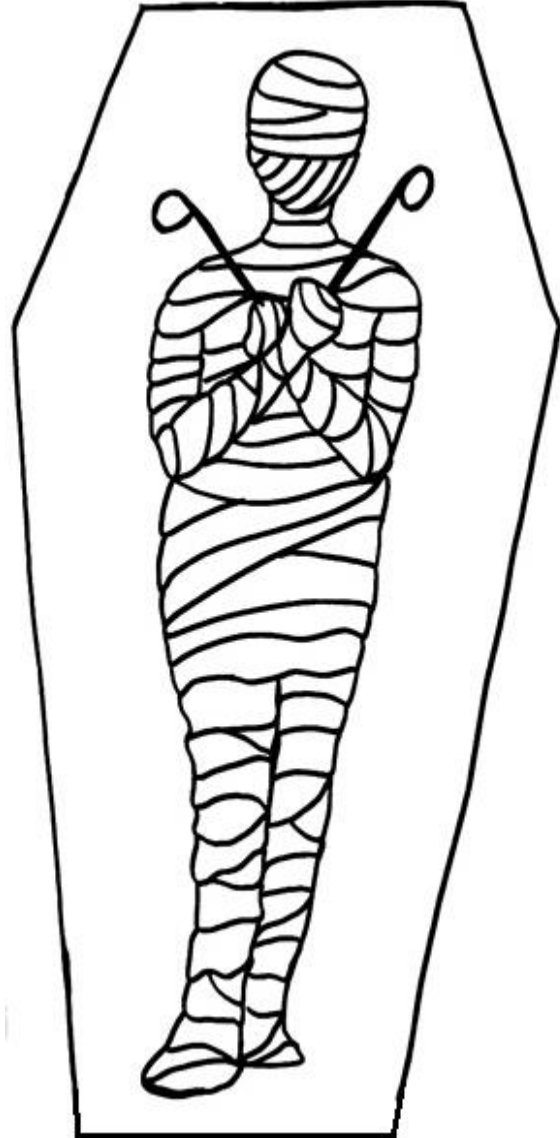
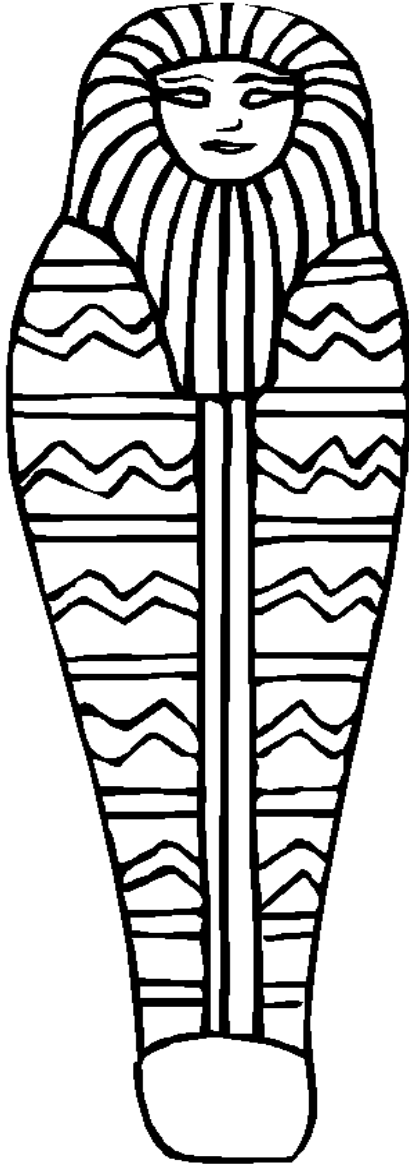
Before dawn: Ritual ablutions

To be ritually pure, the priests bathed in the temple's sacred lake, shaved off all hair and gargled with natron salt solution, before dressing in linen robes and reed-woven sandals.

Sunrise: Morning ceremony

At dawn the high priest entered the shrine and awoke the god's spirit in its statue. This was then cleansed, anointed and dressed, and offered the finest foods while frankincense was burned to purify the surroundings.

Mummies



Steps to the after life

- #1 Announcement of the death.
- #2 embalming the body.
- #3 Removing the brains
- #4 Removing the internal organs.
- #5 Drying out process
- #6 wrapping the body
- #7 The final possession



The ancient Egyptians had an elaborate set of funerary practices that they believed were necessary to ensure their immortality after death (the afterlife). These rituals and protocols included mummifying the body, casting magic spells, and burial with specific grave goods thought to be needed in the Egyptian afterlife.

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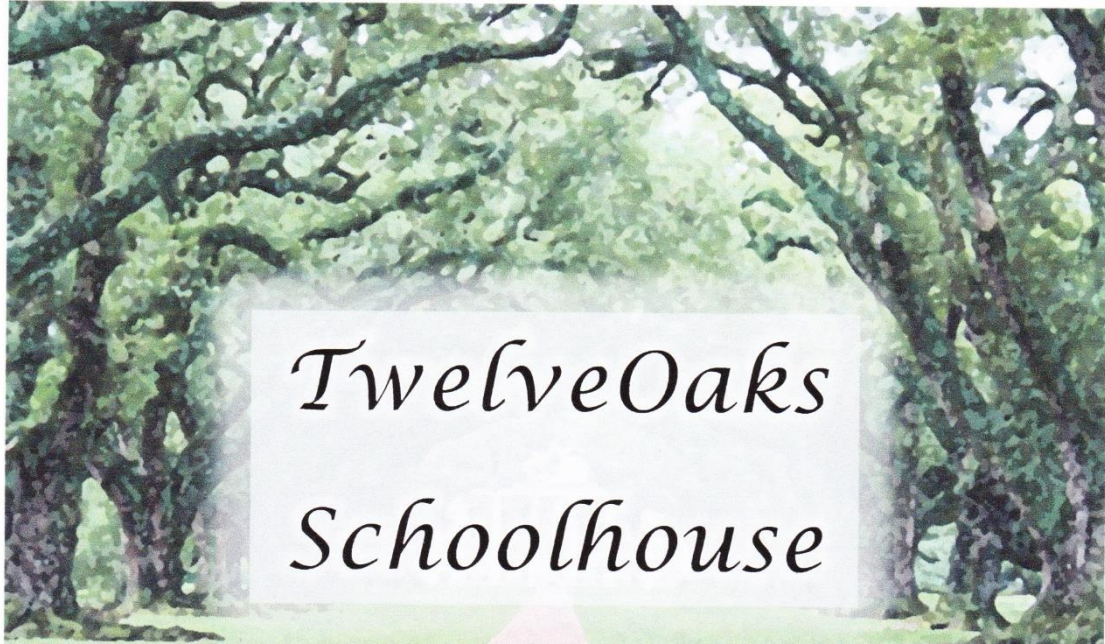
Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. Other than lead Egypt, what was the role of the pharaoh?
2. What were some of the rituals that the priests had to perform?
3. What was the mummification process?
4. Why were Egyptians buried in tombs with possessions?

Activities

1. Research a few of the Egyptian Pharaohs. Write a report on one of them.
2. Make a replica of the Double Crown.
3. Study the rituals of the priests and priestesses of Ancient Egypt.
4. Mummify a chicken - <http://adventuresinmommydom.org/finally-the-chicken-mummy/>
5. Make some Canopic Jars





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