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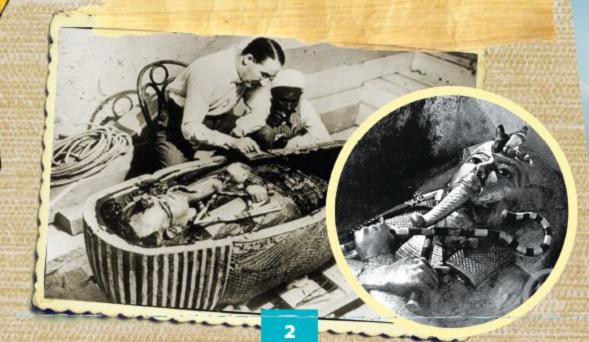




In November 1922, British archaeologist Howard Carter and his team were digging through the Egyptian sand. He was looking for the tomb of a famous king. With the help of his workers, he soon found a step and then a door. This door was the entrance to one of the most famous tombs in history!

Carter broke open the door. He stared into the dark room in amazement. The tomb belonged to an ancient pharaoh named Tutankhamun. It was full of artefacts and treasures!

They were not just beautiful. They were also important.
These artefacts could teach us about the people who made them – the ancient Egyptians.







ANCIENT EGYPTIAN HISTORY

The Rise and Fall of a Civilisation

Mediterranean Sea

The civilisation of ancient Egypt was powerful for almost three thousand years!

Around 3100 BCE, Egypt was divided into Upper Egypt, the land in the southern part of the kingdom, and Lower Egypt, in the northern part.

According to legend, sometime around
2925 BCE King Menes from Upper Egypt went
to war and united the two kingdoms, creating one
of the most powerful empires of the world.

Menes built a capital city for his new empire,
Memphis. Menes wore a new crown. It combined
the white crown of Upper Egypt with the red crown
of Lower Egypt. Wearing this meant that Menes was
not just the king of both Upper and Lower Egypt.
He was the first Egyptian pharaoh, and he
demanded that people worship him as a god.

Ancient Egypt changed the world. Its people created new inventions and made new scientific discoveries. This all changed when the Roman Empire grew strong and Egypt became one of its territories. This was the end of ancient Egypt and its pharaohs.

LOWER EGYPT The Nile Delta Memphis Valley of the Kings Thebe

UPPER EGYPT