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LET'S START!

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 Egypt was one of the most important and powerful **civilisations** in the ancient world.

It lasted for over 3,000 years.

But what was it *really* like?
Let's take a closer look!



ANCIENT EGYPTIAN HISTORY

• The Rise and Fall of a Civilisation

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.

