



Secrets of the Mummies

1 Create a timeline about the history of the mummies.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.3

2 Write a fact file about Tutankhamun.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.2

3 Create a map of Egypt showing the capital, the places that are mentioned, and some key facts, similar to the maps of South America and Italy.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.2, RI.4.7

4 Decide which page your map would go on, and add an index entry for it.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.5

5 Create a poster promoting the art of mummification.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.3

6 Create a tourist brochure about Tutankhamun's tomb.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.2

7 Write a fact file about Howard Carter.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.2

8 Choose an interesting or inspiring picture and write a caption and fact box to go with it.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.7

9 Choose a picture from the internals to use on the cover of the book, and explain your choice.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.7

10 Write your own blurb, giving a bit more information about the book.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.2, RI.4.3

8 Answers will vary, but example responses are as follows:
Pages 16–17: The moment Howard Carter's dig hit upon the steps into Tutankhamun's tomb, 1922.
Fact box: Tutankhamun's tomb was believed to be cursed—a promise of death and disaster if it be uncovered.
9 Answers will vary.
10 Answers will vary, but an example blurb is as follows:
Preserved in death, mummies were often buried with treasure, gold, magic spells, and a curse to protect them from robbers.
Find out all about the secrets of the mummies.

Answers

- 1 Inca civilization flourishes; Ancient Egyptian civilization flourishes; Tutankhamun rules Egypt; The start of the Catacomb tradition in Sicily; Howard Carter discovers Tutankhamun's tomb; The end of the Catacomb tradition in Italy; Evita dies; Evita's body is discovered; Discovery of the ice maiden's body on Nevado Ampato in the Andes
- 2 Answers will vary, but an example response is as follows:
Tutankhamun was a boy pharaoh who ruled Egypt from 1361 BCE to 1352 BCE. His rich, untouched tomb was discovered by Howard Carter in 1922 in the Valley of the Kings. Buried within three sealed doorways and a wall of solid gold, Tutankhamun's body was mummified and set within a nest of four coffins – the final one made of solid gold.
- 3 Answers will vary, but example map features are as follows:
Cairo, River Nile, Valley of the Kings.
- 4 Answers will vary, but an example page reference is as follows:
page 16.
- 5 Answers will vary.
- 6 Answers will vary.
- 7 Answers will vary, but an example response is as follows:
Howard Carter was a young artist when he first traveled in Egypt and became interested in Ancient Egypt. He went on to spend five years digging and searching for Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings, and eventually in that fifth year he was successful and uncovered the steps leading to the young pharaoh's tomb.