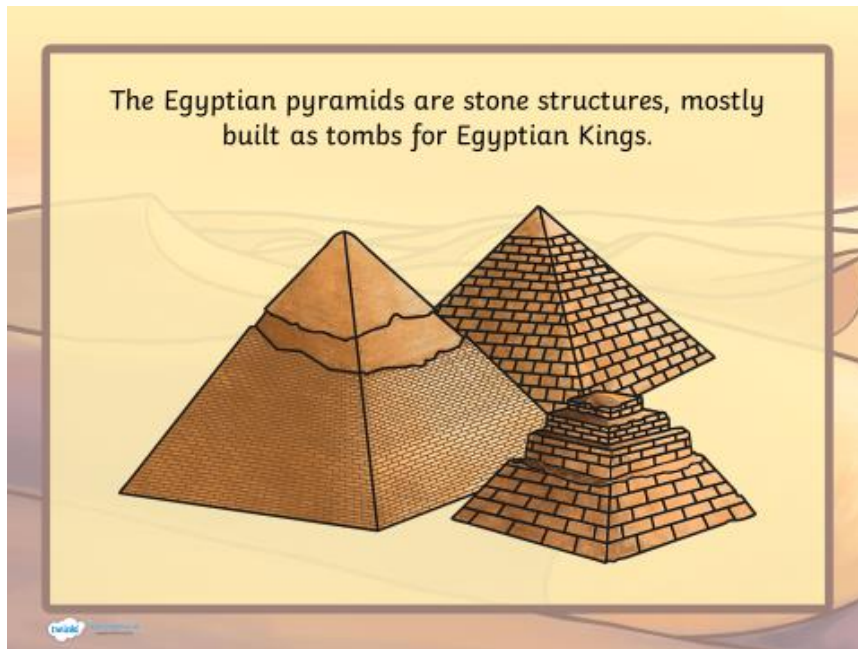


Have a look at the following slides from a power point.

Answer the questions, as best you can. You don't have to write all your answers down, but you can discuss them with an adult or older sibling.

You could draw what you would take with you, in your tomb, to the Afterlife.

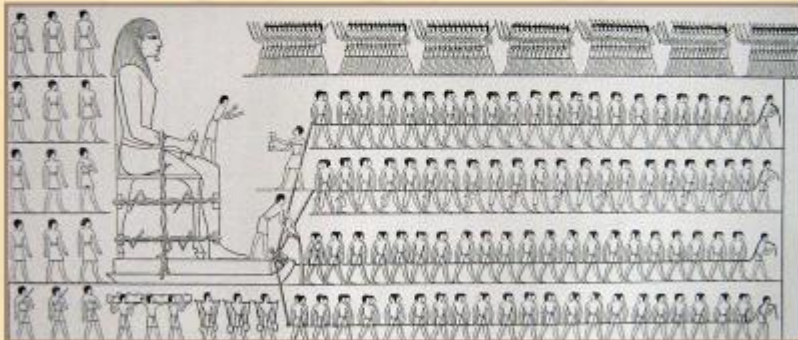


If you haven't already made a net for a pyramid, from your homework grid, you could make one today!

It is not known how many men it took to build a pyramid, estimates are anything from two thousand to a hundred thousand!!
Pyramid building would happen when the Nile was in flood.

Q: Why do you think they chose this time of year to build?

A: It was impossible to farm the land so many men were available for work.



The most famous pyramids are those in Giza.





Can you spot the River Nile on the map?



Are you ready for a fact hunt?

The Pyramid of Khufu

The Pyramid of Khufu, sometimes called the 'Great Pyramid' of Giza is the largest of all the Egyptian pyramids.

It is one of the 'Seven Wonders of the Ancient World' and is the only one still standing.

Built over 4500 years ago, this pyramid was the tallest man made structure in the world until the 1300's.

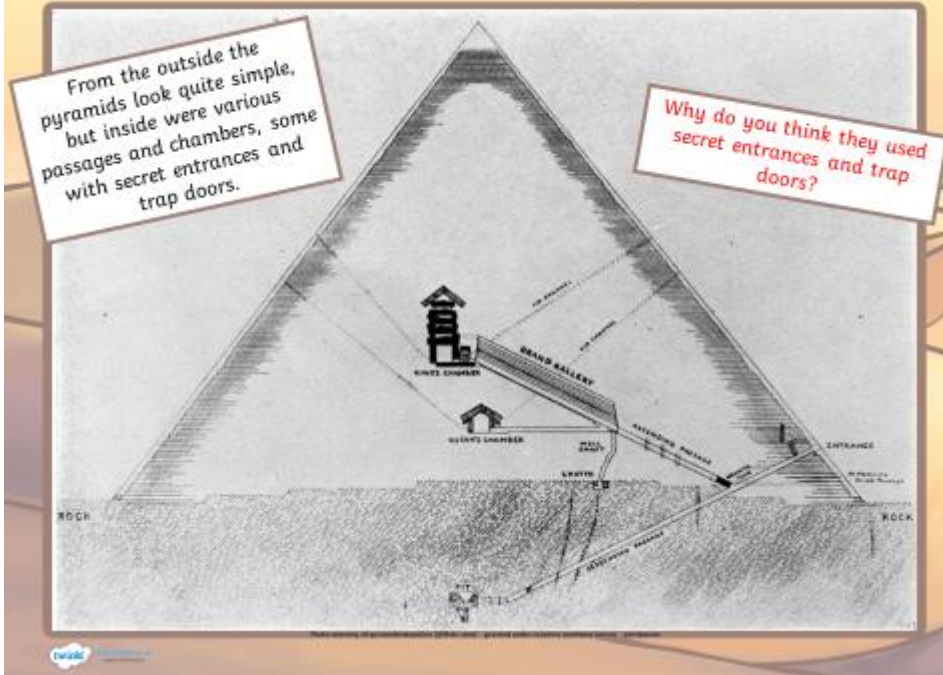


How tall do you think it is?

Khufu Pyramid: Facts and Figures



Secret Entrances and Trap Doors



Hieroglyphics

The chambers and passages were intricately decorated with pictures and hieroglyphics.



These examples come from the Pyramid of Unas. The writings tell stories of the King, religious tales, requests for help from the gods in the journey to the afterlife, and some are a warning to grave robbers!

What does this evidence tell us?

Treasure

Treasure and items for the King to use in the afterlife would be left in the burial chamber. Other chambers might be used for members of his family.



If you believed you were going to the afterlife, what would you want to take with you?

The Khufu pyramid complex included five boat pits, containing ships.

One of the ships was restored and is on display.

It is not known whether these vessels ever touched water, perhaps to bring the King's body along the Nile to his tomb, or whether they were intended for the King's use in the afterlife.



What do you think was the purpose of the boats?



The Khafre Pyramid

Khafre was the son of Khufu and ruled between 2558 and 2532 BC. His pyramid was slightly smaller than that of his father, but the two entrances have led some to believe that it was originally intended to be bigger.

This is what is left of the limestone casing that would have covered the whole pyramid.



Why do you think plans might change?

The Menkaure Pyramid

The Menkaure Pyramid is the smallest of the Three Pyramids of Giza at 65 metres tall.

This is still pretty big.
How tall are you?
Roughly how many
times your height is 65
metres?



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The Sphinx at Giza

The Sphinx is a mythical creature with a human head and the body of a lion. The word means 'father of dread' or 'the terrifying one'.

Made in limestone, it sits near the Pyramids of Giza.

It is the largest stone statue in the world at over 73m long, 19m wide and 20m high.

It was believed to have been built during the reign of Khafra, and the face made in his likeness.

Why do you think the
Sphinx was built?



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