

Ancient Egyptians

THE PHARAOHS

Ancient Egypt was ruled by pharaohs, powerful kings and queens who were worshipped as gods on earth. The pharaohs were rich and powerful, but they also led Egypt's armies into battle. If disaster or famine struck, the pharaoh had to beg the gods for help.



GODDESSES

Egyptian Gods and Goddesses were thousands. They were human with animal features. They controlled everything in life. Each city had its own god or goddess as guardians.



EGYPTIAN MUMMIES



The Ancient Egyptians believed that, when a person died, their soul went on a dangerous journey to another world. At the end of its journey the soul was judged by the gods. The Ancient Egyptians believed that if your body rotted or was damaged after your died, your spirit would suffer in the afterlife. To make sure their souls were safe, rich Egyptians arranged for their bodies to be preserved after death. These preserved bodies are called mummies. The mummies of the pharaohs were buried in rich coffins, with gold and jewels.

Writing

First the ancient Egyptians were the first people of writing. The system using hieroglyphs, a mixture of pictures and 'glyphs' or symbols." The crocodile eats the King." Only a few people could read and write in ancient Egypt, and these people were very important and worked for the king.



CHILDREN IN ANCIENT EGYPT

Children until age 5 kids had no jobs or responsibilities. Kids played games that developed strength and agility. Parents also had their children wear charms and amulets to protect them. After age 5 a few kids , the children of the very rich who were taught maths, science, reading and writing by tutors or slaves .Kids played with marbles, balls, spinning tops. Girls married very young, at 12.



HOUSES

People lived beside the Nile and Egyptian houses were almost all build from bricks of Nile mud. (The palaces of the Pharaohs were built from stone.)

It was cool inside.

It had a flat roof so that in very hot weather people could sleep on the roofs in the cool of the night.

It often had courtyards with walls built round them.

Cooking was done out of doors in the courtyard.

The Farmers

The farmers farmed the fields on the bank of Nile. Men women and children worked in these fields.

They sowed the fields with seed and watered the ground with water from Nile.

All the grain was controlled by royal officials and kept in a royal granary.