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Facts about Ancient Egypt

- 1) Most Ancient Egyptian **pyramids** were built as tombs for **pharaohs** (rulers of Ancient Egypt) and their families. To date, over 130 pyramids have been discovered in Egypt.
- 2) The afterlife was incredibly important to the Egyptians. They believed that by preserving a dead person's body – which they did through the process of **mummification** – their soul would live on in the afterlife forever.
- 3) The **Pyramid of Khufu** at **Giza** is the largest Egyptian pyramid. This incredible structure weighs as much as 16 Empire State buildings!
- 4) Both Egyptian men and women wore make-up. The eye paint was usually green (made from **copper**) or black (made from **lead**). As well as offering protection from the sun, the Egyptians believed make-up had magical healing powers, too!
- 5) Unwrapped, the bandages of an Ancient Egyptian mummy could stretch for **1.6km**. Yikes!
- 6) The Egyptian alphabet contained more than **700 hieroglyphs**! Uncover the meaning behind these ancient symbols by checking out our awesome [hieroglyphics](#) feature.
- 7) Ancient Egyptians believed in more than **2,000** deities! They had gods for everything, from dangers to chores! Each had different responsibilities and needed to be worshipped so that life could be kept in balance.
- 8) **Cats** were considered sacred animals by the Ancient Egyptians. It's thought that most families kept a cat as a pet, which they believed would bring the household good luck!
- 9) Love playing board games with your pals? Well, gang, so did the Ancient Egyptians! One popular game was **Senet**, which was played for over **2,000** years! The game involved throwing sticks (in the same way we throw dice) to see how many squares to move your piece forward on the board.
- 10) The Ancient Egyptians **invented** lots of things we still use today, such as paper, pens, locks and keys and – believe it or not – toothpaste!

