

The Cat Mummies

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**Think about these
questions while you read
the story.**

1. What are cat mummies?
2. What was special about how cats were fed in Egypt years ago?
3. What did a family do to their eyebrows when their cat died?
4. What word from the story means something worn around the neck?
5. Tell why cats were treated well a long time ago in Egypt.

Long ago in Egypt, cats were thought of as gods.



We know this
from
paintings and
cat mummies
that are
thousands of
years old.



Here is a cat in a wall carving.



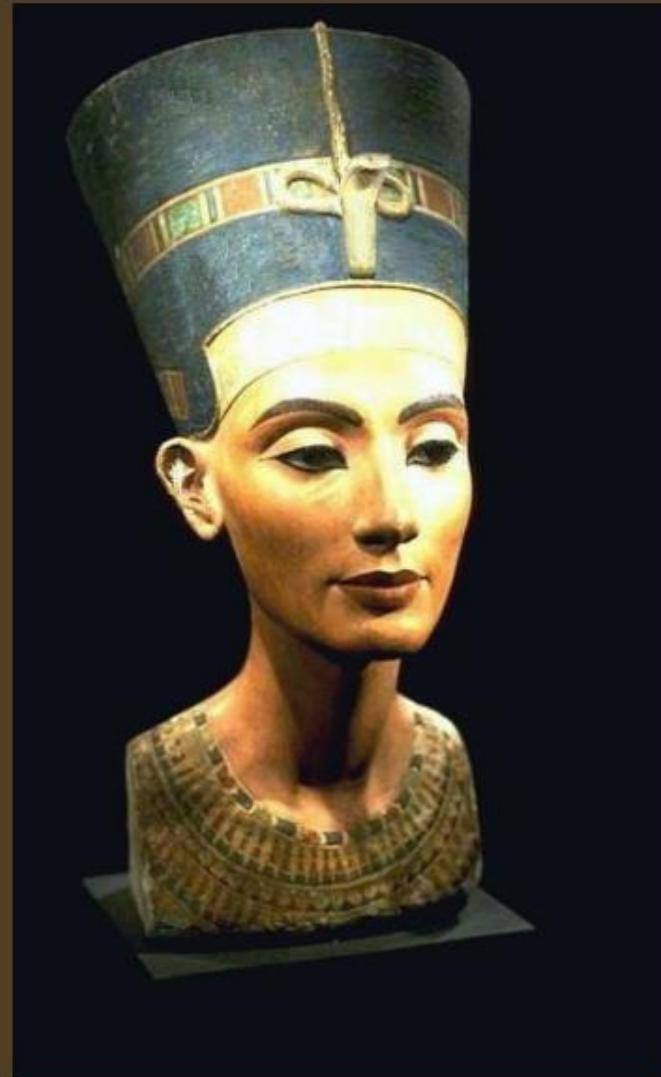
Cats were thought to bring good luck.



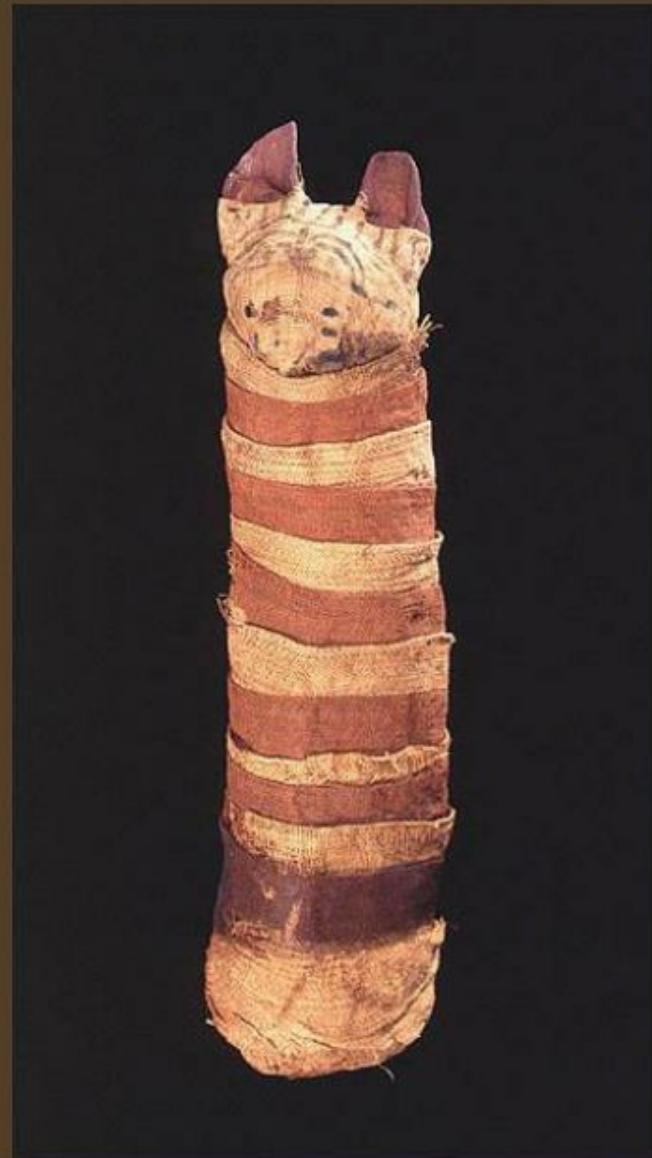
Cats were treated well long ago in Egypt. They were given fish and milk in dishes of gold. It was against the law to kill a cat.



**When a cat died
the family cut off
their eyebrows.
Then they went
around looking
sad. They were
sad until their
eyebrows grew
back.**



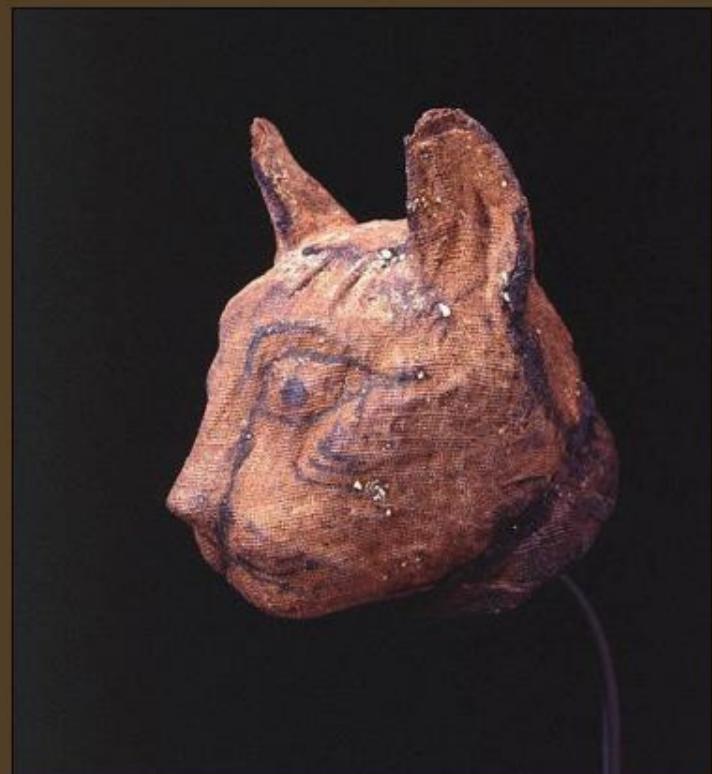
**When a cat died
its body was
wrapped in cloth.
The cloth was red,
yellow, and black. It
was dipped in
special drugs.**



The cat's body did not rot. The cloth became hard.



Then it was painted with cat-like eyes and ears.



A pretty collar was put around its neck.



It was set into a wooden box and buried.



**Sometimes
mouse mummies
were buried with
the cat mummies.
These were for the
cat to eat in its
next life.**



Answer the Questions

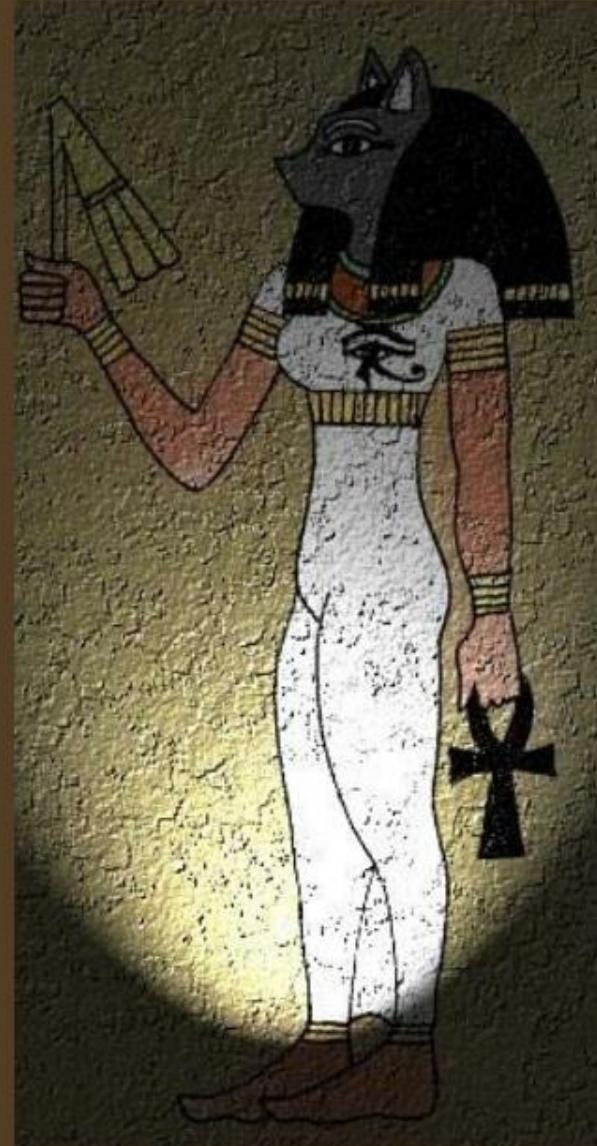
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**Here are some interesting
facts about Ancient Egypt.**

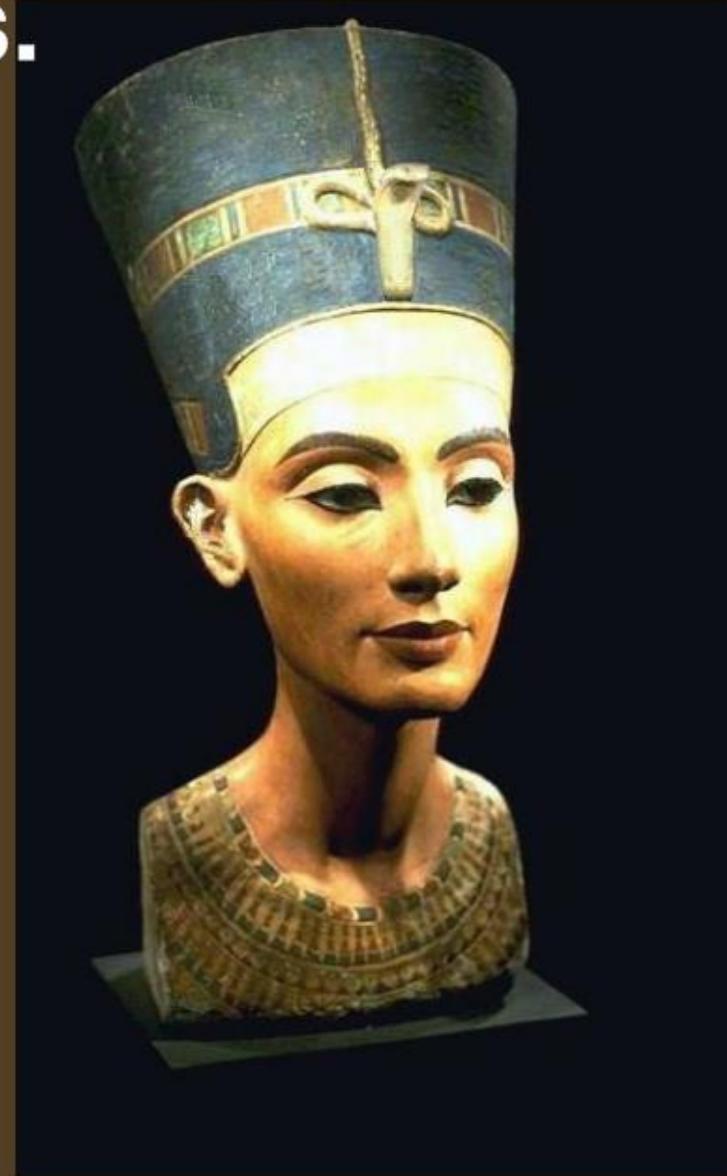
Egypt is a country on the continent of Africa.



**Bast was
the
Egyptian
Cat
Goddess.**



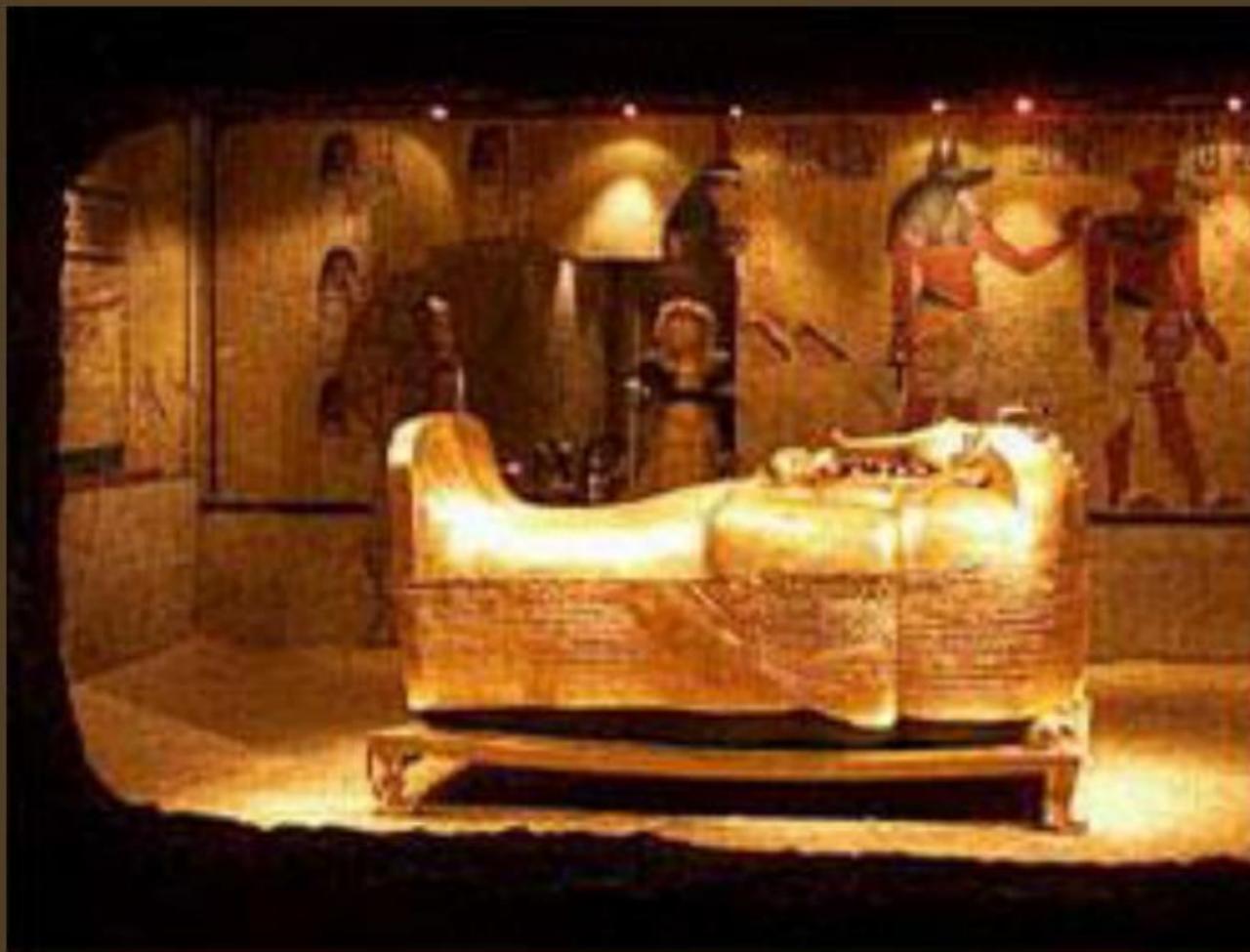
Kings and Queens were called Pharaohs.



When a Pharaoh died his body was treated with chemicals and wrapped with cloth. Jewels were hidden in the wrapping.



The body was then put in a box called a Sarcophagus and placed inside a tomb



Here is a picture of the inside of a tomb or burial chamber.



Pharaohs were buried with their treasures.



**Robbers would break into the tombs
and steal the treasures.**



**The Sphinx and Pyramids were
at one time tombs.**



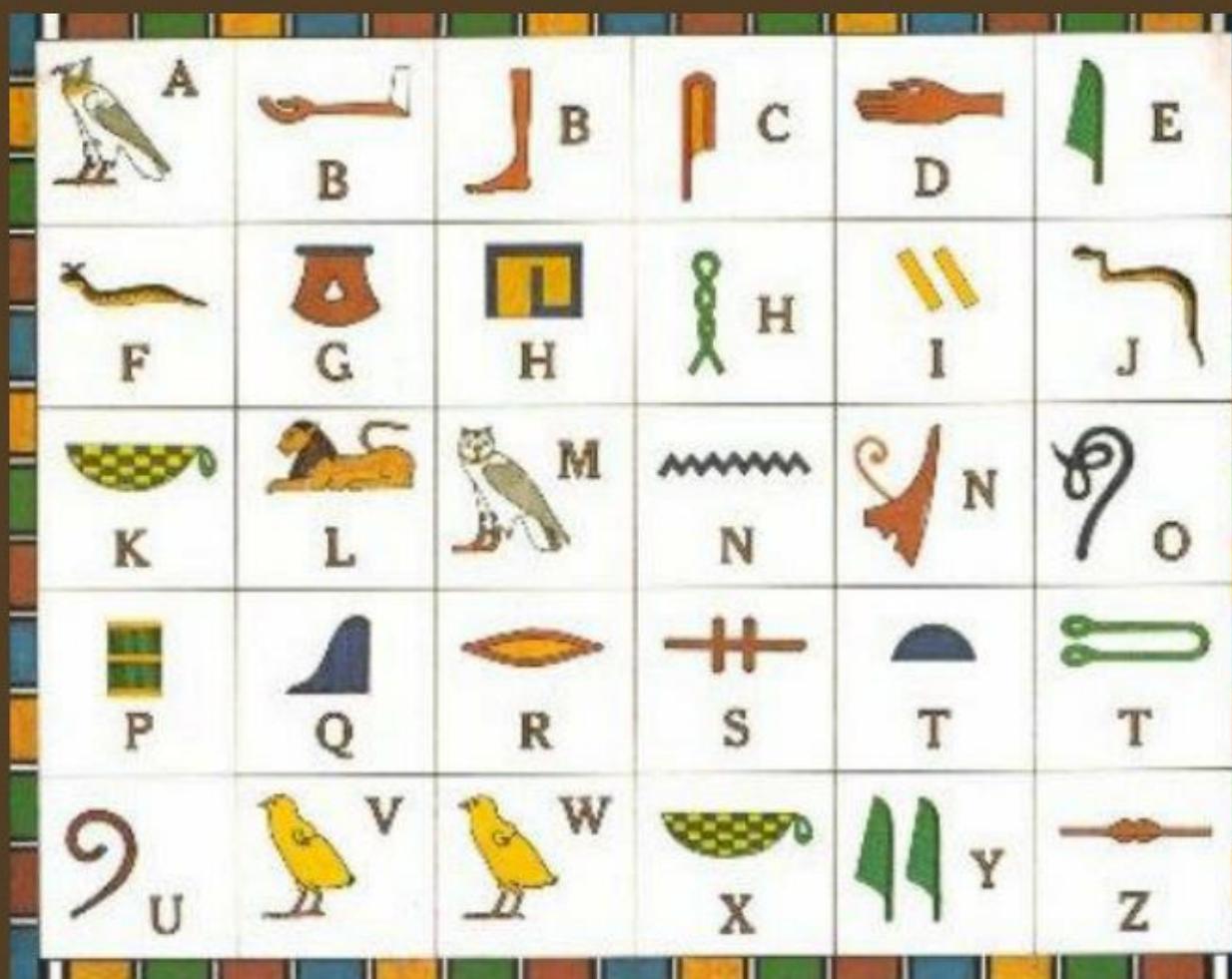
Sphinx



**One of the
most famous
Pharaohs was
King Tut. Here
is his golden
mask.**



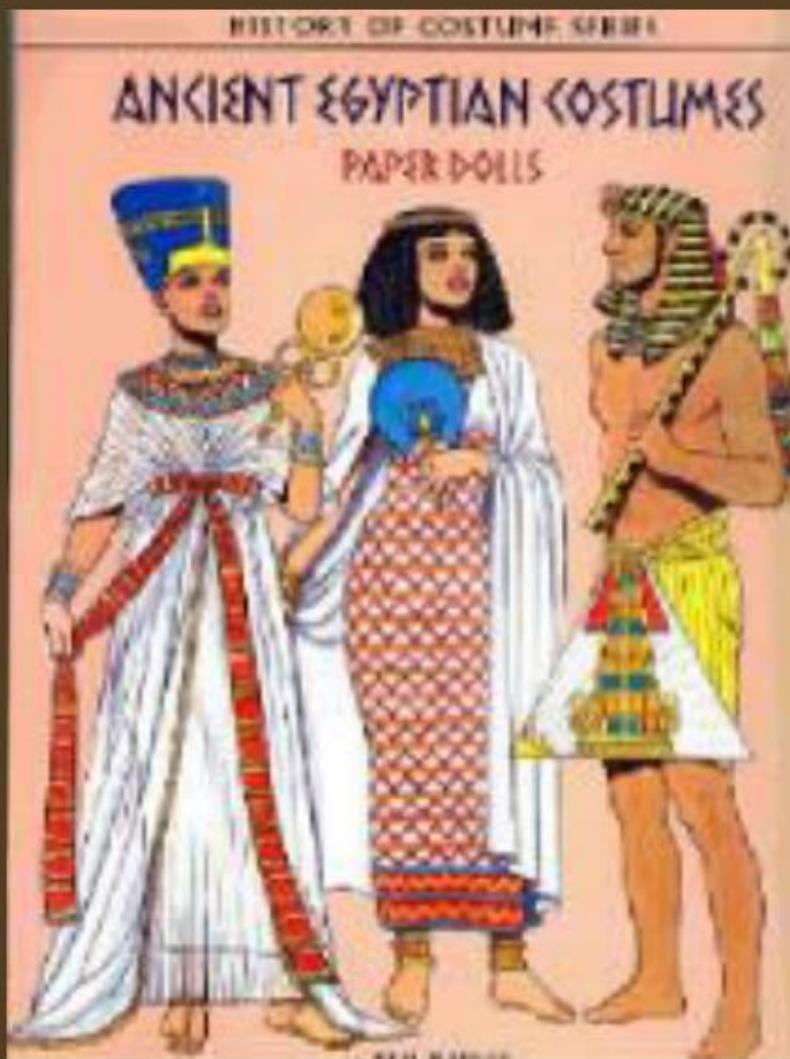
Ancient Egyptians wrote with pictures called hieroglyphics.



A person's name was put in a loop called a cartouche.



This is the way ancient Egyptians dressed.



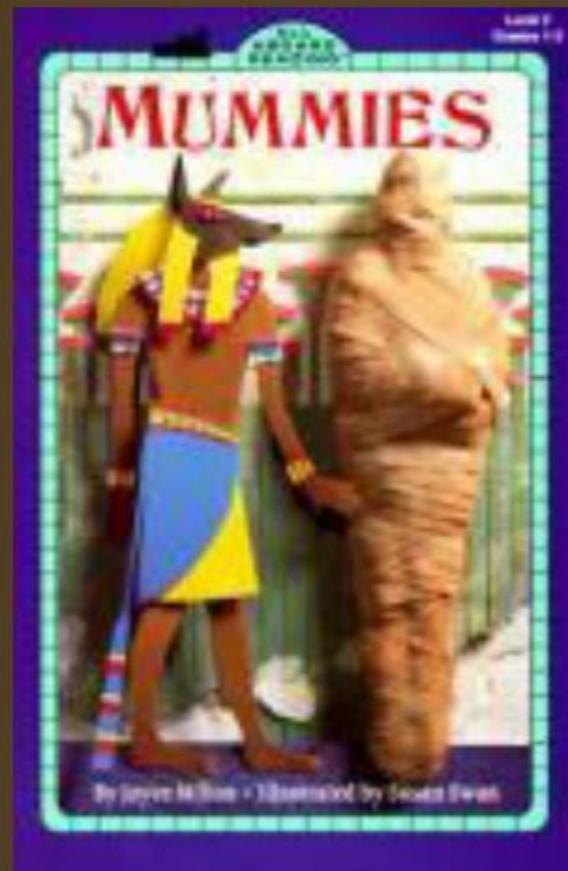
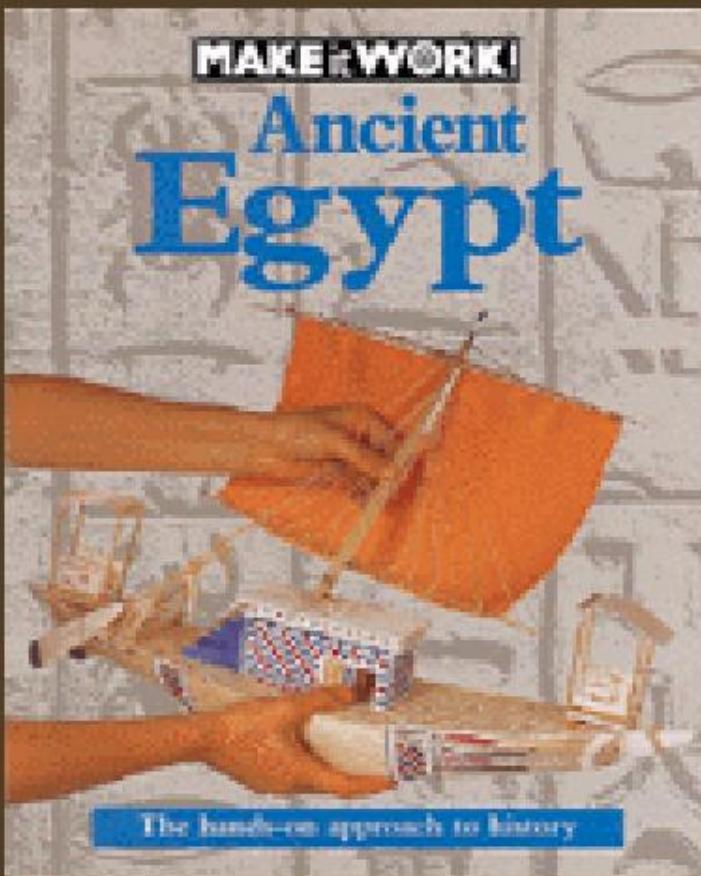
Ancient Egyptians loved colorful jewelry.



This is an ancient Egyptian's home. It looks like they had a pool and a picnic table.



We have two books about ancient Egypt in our library. The Mummies is a dot book.



The End

