

The Great Sphinx of Giza is a ^{1.} _____ and mysterious monument in Egypt. The Sphinx is a statue made of limestone featuring the body of a lion and the head of a human. It is believed to be about 4,500 years old.



While Greeks saw the Sphinx as a ^{2.} _____ creature with a woman's head, lion's body, and bird's wings; the Egyptians considered it a spiritual ^{3.} _____ associated with the God of the Sun.

The true identity of the face depicted on the Sphinx remains a mystery, with some experts believing it represents the pharaoh Khafre while others ^{4.} _____ it represents an earlier king like Khafre's father, Khufu.

The missing nose of the Sphinx suggests it was destroyed due to anger. However, other people claimed that it suffered damage from cannonballs fired by Napoleon's army in 1798.

Despite ongoing deterioration caused by weather and ^{5.} _____, restoration efforts have been made since the mid-1900s. But some methods have inadvertently caused additional ^{6.} _____. While debates persist, the Sphinx is still a symbol of Egypt's rich history and ^{7.} _____, captivating the ^{8.} _____ and curiosities of tourists worldwide.