

# Tutankhamun

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## Summary

This book is about the life of Tutankhamun and the discovery of his tomb.

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# Before Reading

## Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

tomb



intact



archaeologist

mummy



artifact

1. Where did the ancient Egyptians bury their dead?
2. Who looks for artifacts?
3. What is a dead body wrapped in cloth called?
4. What do we call an artifact that is complete and not damaged?

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# Vocabulary

## A Read and match.

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• a. temple

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• b. candle

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• c. jewelry

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• d. archaeology

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• e. pharaoh

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• f. debris

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• g. urgent

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• h. walking stick

**B Write the word for each definition.**

festival

glorious

malaria

modest

mummify

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to be turned into a mummy after death
2. \_\_\_\_\_ moderate or humble; not very large or expensive
3. \_\_\_\_\_ an infectious, sometimes deadly, disease usually spread by mosquitoes
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a special day or event when people celebrate something
5. \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful or very good

**C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.**

1. Tutankhamun's unexpected death caused the need for a(n) quick burial.
  - a. Egyptian
  - b. glorious
  - c. modest
  - d. urgent
2. Tutankhamun used a walking stick because he had a bad foot.
  - a. messenger
  - b. supreme
  - c. deformed
  - d. golden
3. Some people believe that Tutankhamun died from a broken leg that infected and polluted his body.
  - a. malaria
  - b. stolen
  - c. mummified
  - d. poisoned
4. Tutankhamun's tomb was filled with thousands of irreplaceable and precious artifacts.
  - a. intact
  - b. priceless
  - c. jewelry
  - d. mummy

## Comprehension

**A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.**

- a. Egyptian pharaohs were mummified through a process of preserving and wrapping their bodies after death.
- b. Tutankhamun married his half-sister, Ankhesenamun.
- c. Tutankhamun's father demanded that people pray to Aten the sun god instead of other gods.



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_

**B Choose the best answer.**

1. Why was Tutankhamun's tomb an important archaeological find?
  - a. Tutankhamun was a famous pharaoh.
  - b. It was the first tomb ever found.
  - c. It was undisturbed by thieves.
  - d. All of the above
2. How old was Tutankhamun when he became pharaoh?
  - a. 5 years old
  - b. 9 years old
  - c. 15 years old
  - d. 22 years old
3. Who searched for and found Tutankhamun's tomb?
  - a. Akhenaten
  - b. Amun Ra
  - c. Lord Carnarvon
  - d. Howard Carter



**C** Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. A gold painting of the sun god Aten
- b. A statue of the military general Horemheb
- c. A modern copy of Tutankhamun's throne
- d. A body preserved through mummification
- e. The entrance to Tutankhamun's tomb



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_

**D** Read each sentence. Write "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Tutankhamun only ruled for nine years.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Akhenaten moved the capital of Egypt from Amarna to Thebes.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Tutankhamun changed his name when he became pharaoh.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Tutankhamun had many children.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ One hundred and thirty walking sticks were found in Tutankhamun's tomb.

**E Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

1. The pharaoh was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ between the gods and the people.  
Egyptian messenger
2. Tutankhamun's tomb was lost when the entrance was covered with \_\_\_\_\_.  
sand debris
3. To make the gods happy, Tutankhamun repaired their \_\_\_\_\_ and holy sites.  
tombs temples
4. Carter opened a little hole in the tomb door and used a \_\_\_\_\_ to see inside.  
candle thief
5. Thousands of people visit Egypt every year to see the \_\_\_\_\_ from Tutankhamun's tomb.  
artifacts glorious

**F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Modern DNA analysis revealed that Tutankhamun was in poor health when he died.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Like other pharaohs, Tutankhamun was mummified.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Akhenaten angered powerful priests by stopping the Egyptians from praying to many gods.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Howard Carter spent years searching for Tutankhamun's tomb.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Tutankhamun removed most of his father's changes to the laws.

## Think About It

**A** Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
Lord _____ paid for the search for Tutankhamun's tomb for years.	In 1922, Carter's workers discovered _____ below the ancient debris from a tomb.	Tutankhamun became the king of Egypt when he was only _____, and he ruled for _____.	Thousands of people visit _____ each year to see the treasures from Tutankhamun's tomb.	Carter and his team worked on the tomb and artifacts for seventeen _____ because there were so many treasures inside.

**B** Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

Before I read this book, I knew \_\_\_\_\_

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Now I also know \_\_\_\_\_

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