

Tutankhamun's Tomb

Who

Found His Tomb?

The tomb was found by a group of researchers lead by Howard Carter.



It was discovered in 1922, which means that all of the treasures and the body inside had been left in very good condition.

Howard worked out from other important finds that the tomb would be in the Valley of the Kings. A man named Theodore Davis found a cup with Tutankhamun and his wife on it. This was a clue that helped Howard to find the tomb.



The burial chamber with the body was a very unusual resting place for a king because it was the only decorated room in the tomb.

Normally, all of the walls would be carved or painted, which is how we know that Tutankhamun died very suddenly. The images on the walls were from a ritual called the 'opening of the mouth'.

What

They Found Inside

Inside the tomb, they found over 3,000 treasures meant for Tutankhamun to take with him into the afterlife.

Many of the items were made from, or covered in, gold which was perfect for a king. The tomb was split into many different rooms. Most of the rooms were for the objects, apart from the burial chamber which just held a decorated stone coffin called a sarcophagus.

The Curse of the Mummy!

The curse of the mummy started after Tutankhamun's tomb was opened. Mummies have been thought to have magical powers and some people believe that they can curse anyone who disturbs them. It started when Lord Carnarvon, the man who paid for the dig of King Tut's tomb, died soon after it was opened. It is said that all of the lights in Cairo mysteriously went out as soon as he died.

Other stories are that Howard Carter's pet canary was killed by a cobra and Lord Carnarvon's dog died that same night. Some people believe that an unusual germ was released when the tomb was opened and that this caused Lord Carnarvon to become ill. Other people believe that it was magic.

Questions

1. Which year was Tutankhamun's tomb discovered? Tick **one**.

- 1992
- 1922
- 1912
- 1299

2. Where did Howard Carter find the tomb?

3. What is the name of the room that had the sarcophagus in? Tick **one**.

- tomb
- burial chamber
- sarcophagus area
- Tutankhamun

4. Draw **three** lines and match each person to their role in the discovery.

Lord Carnarvon

Paid all the workers who discovered the tomb.

Howard Carter

Found a cup that led to the discovery.

Theodore Davies

Discovered the tomb.

5. Tick the boxes to say whether the sentences are true or false.

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Lord Carnarvon's cat died the same night as the canary.		
When Lord Carnarvon died, the lights went out in Egypt.		
Some people say Lord Carnarvon died from a germ.		

6. What is the name of the ritual that can be seen in the paintings in the burial chamber?

7. Do you believe the mummy's curse? Use the text to support your answer.

Answers

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1922

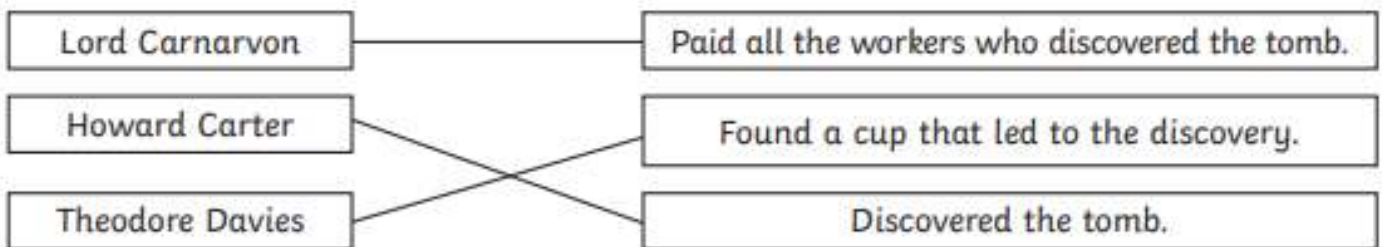
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The ritual in the paintings of the burial chamber is called 'the opening of the mouth'.

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Pupil's own responses, such as, 'I believe in the mummy's curse because it is unusual for so many bad things to happen to Lord Carnarvon. He died soon after the tomb was discovered and for all the lights go out in Cairo is very strange. Also, his dog died too.'