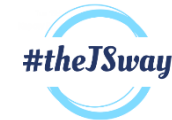


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Awesome Egyptians



The afterlife

The Egyptians believed that after a person died, they travelled to the afterlife – a kind of paradise or heaven in which people became immortal. The journey to the afterlife was full of challenges, and at its end, the god Osiris decided whether a person would go to the afterlife or the underworld.



What did the ancient Egyptians believe?

Gods and goddesses

The ancient Egyptians worshipped over 1500 gods and goddesses, responsible for all aspects of daily Egyptian life. For example, Thoth was the god of writing. Temples were built for the gods, and festivals were dedicated in their honour.



Weighing of the heart ceremony

The ancient Egyptians thought the heart recorded all the good and bad things a person did. If the heart weighed the same as the Feather of Ma'at, the person went to the afterlife.



Key vocabulary

Book of the Dead – A long sheet of papyrus containing a series of written spells which guided the dead to the afterlife.

civilisation – A large group of people with a common language, way of life and governance.

historically significant – A person or even that deserves attention.

immortal – Able to live forever.

mummification – The Egyptian process of preserving a body, so it could travel to the afterlife.

preserve – To prevent a body from decaying.

Pyramid – Named after its shape, a large stone tomb built for a pharaoh.

Ra – The ancient Egyptian sun god, who later merged with Atum, the creator god.

River Nile – The longest river in the world, along which the ancient Egyptian civilisation developed.

sarcophagus – A decorated stone coffin, used in ancient Egypt.

Timeline

