

Egyptian Pharaohs & Queens

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<p>Menes/Narmer p 75 & reading</p> <p>3100 – 3098 BC Also named Narmer Egypt was split in 2 kingdoms at the time – Upper and Lower Egypt.</p>	<p>Was first pharaoh and unified Egypt for the first time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Historians found legends about Menes -His family created the first dynasty in Egypt -made Memphis his capital city -was the 1st to unite Upper and Lower Egypt into one kingdom -The 1st pharaoh of Egypt -wore the double crown
<p>Ahmoose p 85 c. 1550 – 1525 BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Egypt was in time of war with Hyksos -Hyksos have powerful military -Nile Delta occupied by Hyksos -ruled over the Delta for 150 years -Hyksos were ruling after Middle Kingdom and before New Kingdom 	<p>Reunites Egypt and creates the beginning of a military power, regains huge amounts of land.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -takes idea of chariots from Hyksos; improves Egypt's weapons -strengthens Egypt's military -reclaims Nile Delta "reunified" Egypt -New Kingdom begins after Ahmoose – the most powerful Kingdom of the 3 Kingdoms in Egypt -became pharaoh at 10 but doesn't take the responsibility until later -led army to defeat Hyksos in his 20s -expanded Egypt to Nubia and the Mediterranean, NE into Asia too -Defeated Nubians and took their gold -provided financial security to Egypt with his trade/conquering expeditions
<p>Khufu p 80-81 c. 2600 BC</p> <p>-Reigned during the Old Kingdom</p>	<p>Was able to control huge amounts of people and resources to build massive projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Built the largest pyramid in Egypt's history -was able to organize a 20 year project -organized 100 000 workers -charged high taxes for people to pay to fund his project -not the only pharaoh to ask for a huge project -caused anger against the pharaoh -600 years after people revolted against the pharaoh
<p>Cleopatra <i>reading only</i></p>	<p>Was charming and beautiful</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The last Queen of Egypt -some argue she's the "most famous Queen" -poisoned her brother -tried to fight to keep Egypt Independent but failed -known for her intelligence, charm, wit -was very ambitious

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<p>King Tut/ Tutankhamen p 88-89 c. 1340 BC</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tut was an unimportant pharaoh -Only well known because of tomb -Tomb was untouched and full of gold. -Ruled for a short time compared to other pharaohs (10 years) -Had help ruling from Horemheb and Ay, they advised him -He liked playing games -He liked swimming, hunting, riding and archery -restored
<p>Ramses II <i>reading only</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Is the only pharaoh with “the great” by his name -led an Egyptian army to the middle east and beat 40 000 Hittites in a war -Signed a peace treaty with the Hittites after beating them, it was the first peace treaty in history -he built more temples, statues and obelisks than all the other pharaohs -it is said he had more than 100 children -he died at 86 years of age – ruled for 67 years (long time) -9 pharaohs took the name Ramses after he died
<p>Hatshepsut p 87</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Name meant “Foremost of the Noble Ladies” -Son was the ruler but was too young -She was wife of pharaoh and also daughter of pharaoh 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -One of few female rulers, the first female “pharaoh” -When her husband died she became advisor to her son, he was too young to rule -eventually she just took over as pharaoh -She organized big trade expeditions, one went far south to Punt and brought back gold, perfume, ivory and other fine objects -She repaired many damaged temples -she built her own temple and also 2 obelisks -she had a very peaceful reign and Egypt was very wealthy when she ruled -when she died people destroyed pictures of her and statues of her we don’t really know why.
<p>Akhenaten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tut’s father -had odd pictures of his body possibly because he had a disorder 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -erased & forbid worship of Amon-Re a popular god and other gods. -came up with the 1st MONOTHEISTIC religion (monotheism means only one god) -created the worship of Aten/Aton and they could only worship Aton through him so he was in charge of all the religion instead of priests -changes art and literature to be more natural and realistic -after he dies the priests regained power and his changes, pictures, and other things were destroyed -he did not defend Egypt well so Hittites took over some Egyptian lands -disrupted and bankrupt the economy -Egypt was weakened after his death, lots of corruption occurred