



Visit the Ancient Pyramids

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A long time ago, people in Egypt built gigantic pyramids. Do you know what a pyramid looks like? It has a flat base that is in the shape of a square. The pyramid has four sides. The sides are shaped like triangles. They touch at the top to form a point.



Pharaohs were the rulers of Egypt. The pyramids were built for the pharaohs to be buried after they died. The pyramids were their tombs. The tombs are shaped like pyramids for a reason. Egyptians thought the pyramids helped the pharaoh's soul go up to the sky so it could be with the gods.

In ancient Egypt, people believed that a dead person's spirit lived on. Egyptians also thought part of the pharaoh's spirit stayed behind. They took care of the spirit by leaving precious things with it: food, gold, and other treasures.



The spirit of a dead pharaoh was very important so they wanted to take care of it. One way they did this was by turning the pharaoh's body into a mummy. This made sure it would last a long time. To make a mummy, they dried the whole body out and wrapped the body in cloths. These cloths protected the body. The pharaoh's mummy was put in a special case inside the pyramid.

