

ANCIENT EGYPT

Primary School Activity Sheet

So you want to be a Mummy?

You're going to need some help!

There are some things which you need to help you get to the afterlife...

This Activity Sheet will help you to find all the things you need for a successful journey to the next world so you can join the Egyptian Gods.

This worksheet belongs to

Name:

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1.

YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE YOUR BODY PREPARED PROPERLY.

Start at the door...

Standing at the door, **look** at the mummy nearest to you. This is the coffin of the **Lady Diafawet**. If you were to be mummified you might end up looking something like this...

Take a look at the body inside the coffin. It has been **mummified**. Looking closely, can you see **what materials** have been used to cover the body? **Write** your answers below.



fact

Preserving the body is called **Mummification**. ☉

2.

YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE YOUR BODY PROTECTED!

Go down the steps to your left...

If you **go down the steps to the left**, there is a large case in front of you. There is one section in this case which has a lot of amulets and pendants. These were found inside the bandages of ancient mummies. They were used to protect the body from any harm.

Find the **Wedjat eye** (number 1 on the panel)... This is also called 'the eye of **Horus**'. Horus is one of the most important Egyptian Gods. **Draw** the Eye of Horus in this box.

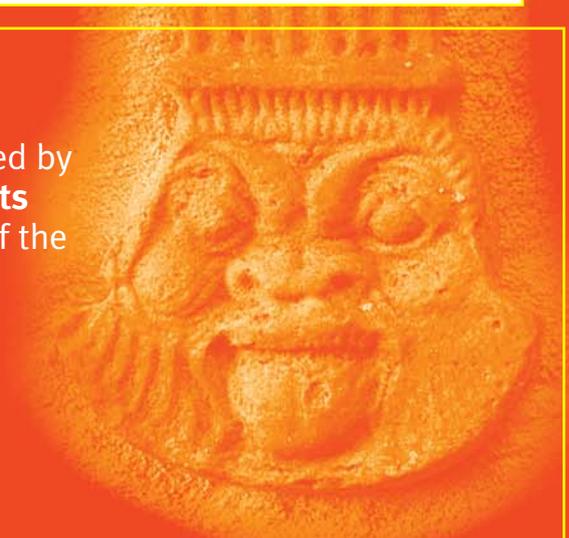


Why do **you** think that an **eye of a god** was chosen to protect your body? **Give** a reason for your answer...



fact

The body was protected by placing **magic pendants** inside the bandages of the mummy. ☉



3.

YOU WILL NEED JARS FOR ALL THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF YOUR BODY!

Step to your right...

Look to your right. There are two shelves here with **white jars** on them. These magical jars were called **canopic jars**. Each person had four of them for their different body parts.

What four parts of the body do you think would have been kept in these jars? Take a **look** at the list below and put a **tick** beside the parts of the body you think were kept.

(**Look** at the size of the jars while you are trying to work this out!)

Feet	Lungs	Backbone
Nose	Stomach	Liver
Left ear	Intestines	Kneecap

Some of these jars have **faces on their lids**. Who do you think these might be? Put your answer **in the box**.

- a. the person who has died?
 b. an Egyptian god?
 c. an Egyptian priest?

fact

When a person was mummified some **parts of their body** were taken out and placed in jars. These were called **Canopic Jars**. ☺

4.

YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE YOUR MAGIC STATUES TO WORK FOR YOU IN THE NEXT LIFE!

Step to your right...

To the right of the Canopic Jars there are lots of small statues of Egyptian people. These are called **Shabti statues**. The Ancient Egyptians had these statues buried with them in their tombs.



Below the Shabti statues is a small but **special wooden box**.

What do you think was placed inside this wooden box?

Write your answer here.

fact

A Shabti is a **magic worker** who will do your work for you in the next life. ☺

5.

YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR COFFIN MADE!

Turn around and go back up the steps. Now *stop* and *look* left...

Look for the **white coffin**. This is the coffin of another Egyptian lady. If you *look* carefully you can see there are some **Egyptian Gods** painted on this coffin. These gods were placed there to help protect the body.

Circle the names of the three gods below as you find them on the coffin.

a. Anubis, the god of the underworld
(with the black arms and black face)

b. Nut, the sky Goddess
(with her wings wide open)

c. Horus, the son of Osiris
(with the hawk's head)

fact

Sometimes the Ancient Egyptians had more than one coffin. The **inner** coffin was made of wood. The **outer** coffin was made of stone. This was called the **Sarcophagus**. ☺

6.

YOU WILL NEED ANIMAL SACRIFICES!

Go down the steps to your right and then come to the other side of the same case you have just looked in...

Often Archaeologists find mummified **animals** in tombs as well as the body of the dead person.

There are three **mummified animals** in the same case as the white coffin. **Find** them and **write** down the type of animals you find.

a.

b.

c.

What has been done to the mummified cat to make it look real? (**Hint: look** at the cat's face...)

fact

Animals were buried because they **belonged to certain gods**.

An ancient Greek writer tells us that when an Egyptian cat died the whole family **shaved** off their eyebrows! ☺



How do we really know what is **inside** the wrappings of these animals?

Find out by looking at the picture in the case... What is this a picture of? Put your answer in the box...

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7.

Now take a moment to think about this...

WHAT WOULD YOU BRING TO THE AFTERLIFE?

Sometimes archaeologists find things like tables, chairs, pottery, food, and musical instruments in **Egyptian Tombs**.

fact

The Ancient Egyptians filled their tombs with some of their favourite things so that they could use them in **the afterlife...** ☺

Now, try to think of your **favourite things** that you would have placed in your tomb... For example, maybe some books, a television?

Name three things you would bring with you to the after life...

1.

2.

3.

Talk about your choices with your friends or classmates!

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