

Egyptian Pyramids



The pyramids that we see in Egypt today continue to be 'Wonders of the World'. They were built thousands of years ago, filled with many hidden secrets and yet still stand. The ancient Egyptians created the pyramids as burial tombs to honor their pharaohs.

The Egyptians build the pyramids because they believed that if the pharaoh's body could be mummified after death the pharaoh would live forever. The tombs were designed to protect the buried Pharaoh's body and his belongings.

Most of the pyramids can be found on the western side of the Nile River, just into the dry desert. Because of its complex design, some people believed that these Pyramids were built by aliens.



The Great Pyramid is the largest and most famous of the pyramids. It was built for the Pharaoh Khufu. It is over 140 metres high and took 20 years to build.

Discussion points:

- 1. Why did the Ancient Egyptians build pyramids?**
- 2. What was is the name of the most famous pyramid?**
- 3. How high is the Great Pyramid?**