

PYRAMIDS

The pyramids are built as royal crypts for the pharaohs from the year 2700 B.C., with stone blocks covered with limestone, they were large white buildings in sight.

The best known are the pyramids of Keóps, Khafre and Menkaure.

PAINT

The Egyptians used paint from the earliest dynasties not only decorate burial chambers, temples and palaces, but also to achieve greater realism in statues and coffins, for make pretty in vessels and papyrus rolls.

SPHINX

The sphinx is like a reclining lion with a human head, resembling an Egyptian pharaoh.

Were considered as the mystical protectors of the temples and abodes of the dead. Popular beliefs also attributed great power to them against diseases and curses.

According to a legend, Tutmosis had a dream in which a sphinx almost covered with sand asked him for help, in return she promised him that he would become the next pharaoh. Both fulfilled their part.

MUMMIFICATION

Mummification in Ancient Egypt is the process by which a corpse was prevent from reaching its natural putrefaction, it was inscribed in a complex Egyptian funeral ritual, in this ceremony was subjected to Osiris rites to ensure its mortality, Osiris protected it from evil spirits.

This is the essence of religion and spirituality. This ensures the conversation of his material body and this be able to unite with his soul in the land of the dead and continue his life eternally.

The main objective of mummification was to purify and make divine the body that would become Osiris or an imitation of him.

TUTANKHAMUN AND CLEOPATRA

The reign of Tutankhamun was short.

He was just 9 years old when he acceded to the throne. He also returned to the traditional way of ruling Egypt, returning power to the priests and generals. He died at the age of 18. There is a legend about his curse. It comes from the fact that many of the people who entered the tomb when it was discovered died shortly afterwards.

Cleopatra was born in Egypt in 69 B.C. She was famous for being a very beautiful and intelligent woman. Her brother Ptolemy took power as pharaoh and exiled her. Cleopatra allied with Julio Cesar and managed to regain the throne. When the Romans betrayed her, she decided to allow herself to be bitten by a poisonous snake, and die poisoned so as not to give her Roman enemies victory. After her death Egypt came to be ruled by the Romans.