

Pharaoh Tutankhamun: The Boy King of Ancient Egypt

Pharaoh Tutankhamun, often called "King Tut," was one of the most famous pharaohs of ancient Egypt. He lived a long time ago, but his story is still fascinating to learn about today.



Fun Facts:

Born to Royalty: Tutankhamun, often called "King Tut," became Pharaoh of Egypt when he was just a child, around 9 or 10 years old.

Hidden Treasure: His tomb, discovered by archaeologist Howard Carter in 1922, was filled with amazing treasures, including his famous golden mask.

Mystery of His Death: How Tutankhamun died remains a mystery. Some think he had an infected leg, while others believe he might have had malaria.

King for a Short Time: He ruled Egypt for only about 10 years, but he's one of the most famous pharaohs in history.

Timelines:

1341 BC: Tutankhamun is born.

1333 BC: He became Pharaoh of Egypt at a young age.

1323 BC: King Tut dies unexpectedly, possibly due to illness or an accident.

1922 AD: Howard Carter discovers Tutankhamun's tomb, and it becomes a worldwide sensation.

Impact on the World:

Unlocking History: Tutankhamun's tomb gave us incredible insights into ancient Egypt. It's like a time capsule that helps us learn about their art, culture, and daily life.

Tourist Attraction: Today, people from all over the world visit Egypt to see the treasures from King Tut's tomb in museums and exhibitions.

Inspiration for Artists: King Tut's golden mask and other artefacts have inspired artists and designers for generations.

Reference Books for Elementary Students

"Who Was King Tut?" by Roberta Edwards This book is part of the popular "Who Was?" series and provides an easy to understand overview of Tutankhamun's life.

"Tutankhamun (DK Discoveries)" by Catherine Chambers This book is filled with pictures and interesting facts about King Tut and ancient Egypt.

"The Curse of King Tut's Mummy" by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld This book introduces the mystery surrounding King Tut's tomb in a kid friendly way.

"National Geographic Kids Everything Ancient Egypt" by Crispin Boyer While not solely focused on King Tut, this book provides a broader look at ancient Egypt, including Tutankhamun's era.

"You Wouldn't Want to Be Tutankhamun!" by David Stewart This fun and informative book, lets kids imagine what it would be like to be in King Tut's shoes.

These books are a great starting point for young readers interested in the fascinating world of ancient Egypt and the boy king who captured the world's imagination.