

Treasures in a Tomb

Almost 3,500 years ago, a 9-year-old boy became the king, or pharaoh, of Egypt. King Tut ruled Egypt until he died. He died when he was only about 19 years old.

In 1922, archeologists found King Tut's tomb hidden behind some debris. It was full of treasures. Grave robbers stole most of the treasures from the tombs of other pharaohs. But no one had touched King Tut's tomb in thousands of years.

Inside the tomb, the archeologists found paintings on the walls and statues of servants. They also found many items made of gold. King Tut's mummy was wearing a beautiful gold mask. He had 15 gold rings. He also had a number of bracelets and earrings.



Some people wonder why King Tut died so young. His mummy gives us many clues. His skull has a piece of bone inside it. His leg is badly broken. His body shows signs of illness. Pieces of his rib cage are missing. But these clues do not tell the whole story of his death.

People continue to study King Tut, his life, and his treasures. The treasures of King Tut are worth more than just their gold. They are also valuable because of what they teach us about life long ago.

Quiz Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?

- a. The treasures of King Tut's tomb teach us about life long ago.
- b. Some people wonder how King Tut died.
- c. King Tut's tomb was discovered by archeologists in 1922.

2. Why did King Tut die when he was about 19?

- a. He broke his leg.
- b. His skull had a hole in it.
- c. We do not know for sure.

3. What does the word **grave** mean in this story?

- a. how serious something is
- b. where someone is buried
- c. when something bad happens

4. Why was finding King Tut's tomb important?

___ a. because King Tut became the ruler of Egypt when he was only 9 years old

___ b. because it was full of treasures that archeologists could study

___ c. because no one knew why King Tut died so young

5. Why do you think King Tut's tomb was left untouched for thousands of years?

6. Select the best word for each definition.

worth

debris

servants

items

pieces of a destroyed thing

workers

separate things

equal in value

7. Move the events into the correct order.

Archeologists found King Tut's tomb.

Archeologists found statues of servants.

King Tut became pharaoh.

King Tut was about 19 years old.

People study King Tut.