

LESSON 3

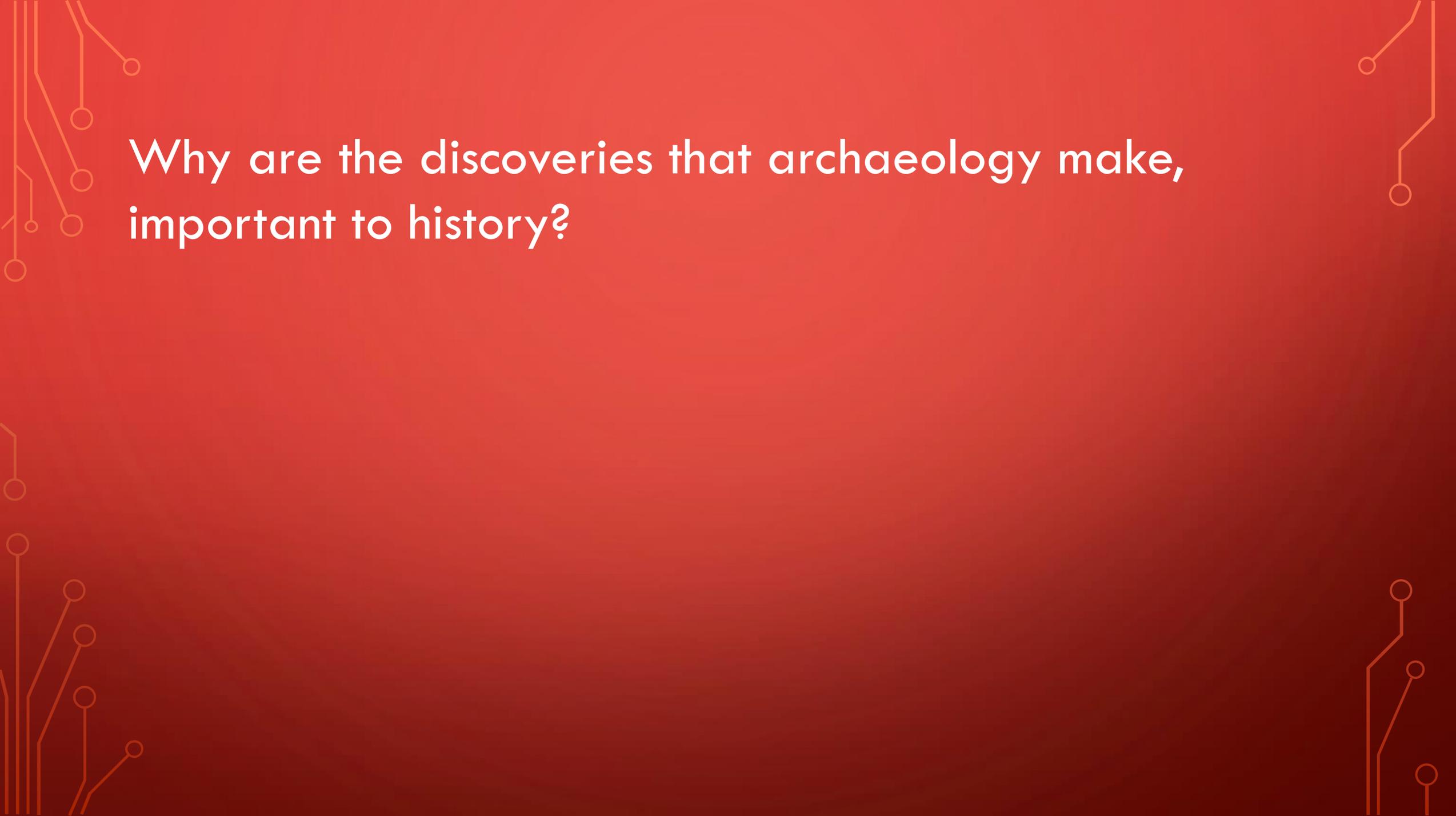
LO: To understand that archaeology helps us to find out about the past.

Success Criteria:

- I can explain what an Archaeologist does to find facts about the past.
- I can explain what Howard Carter found out about Tutankhamen

Vocabulary

- archaeology
- past
- statues
- tomb
- archaeologist
- pyramids
- mummy
- pharaoh
- Valley of the Kings
- Afterlife
- Curse

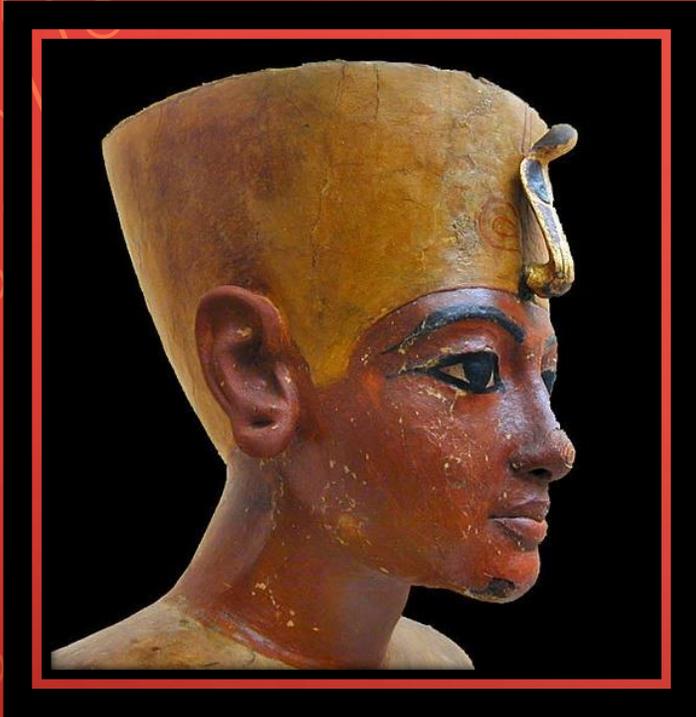
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Why are the discoveries that archaeology make,
important to history?

Knowledge goals

- Ancient Egyptians left pictures, writing and statues behind.
- Archaeologist are people who look for things people in the past have left behind.
- Tutankhamen was a pharaoh whose tomb was discovered by an archaeologist, Howard Carter.

Pharaohs, Tombs, Tutankhamen



Look at the pictures carefully, do you
anything about these pictures?

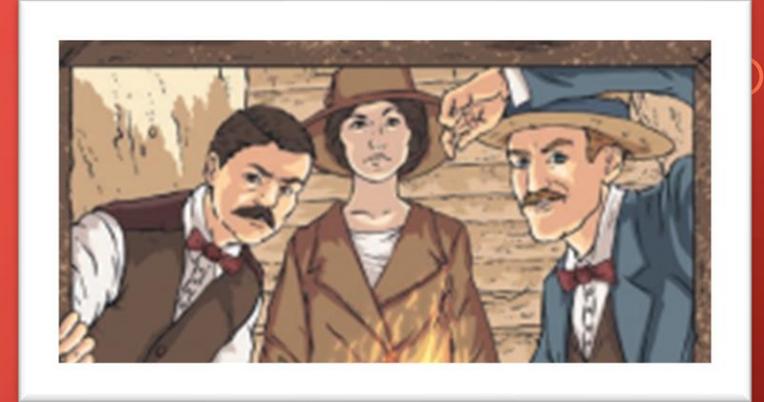


Who found Tutankhamun's Tomb?

Tutankhamun's Tomb

The tomb was found by a group of researchers led by Howard Carter. The reason why Tutankhamun is one of the most famous and talked about pharaohs is because his tomb was only found in 1922, which means that all of the artefacts and the body inside were in good condition

Howard Carter knew where to look because he worked out from other important finds that the tomb would be in the Valley of the Kings. A cup found by a man named Theodore Davis, with Tutankhamun and his wife on it, was a clue that Howard Carter said helped him find the tomb of the Boy King.



Why is King Tutankhamun so famous?

King Tutankhamun ruled Ancient Egypt from 1332 B.C. to 1323 B.C. . His tomb was discovered by a team of British archaeologists in 1922, nearly 3000 years after his death. He is most famous as the Pharaoh whose tomb was discovered by Howard Carter in 1922. It was the most well-preserved tomb ever found and led to a whole new understanding of Ancient Egypt.

Yet, he is also significant in history due to his role as a leader at the very peak of Ancient Egypt's powers. He is also remembered for being an incredibly young ruler - he was 9 when he took over and only 18 when he died, ending his reign!

Today, the treasure that was found in Tutankhamun's tomb is on display at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo!



What They Found Inside

Inside the tomb they found over 3000 treasures meant for Tutankhamun to take with him into the afterlife. Many of the items were made from, or covered in, gold – perfect for a king.

The tomb was split into many different rooms. Most of the rooms were for the objects, apart from the burial chamber which just held his sarcophagus (a decorated stone coffin).



Decoration

- The burial chamber with the body is the only decorated room in the tomb, which is very unusual for a resting place for a king.

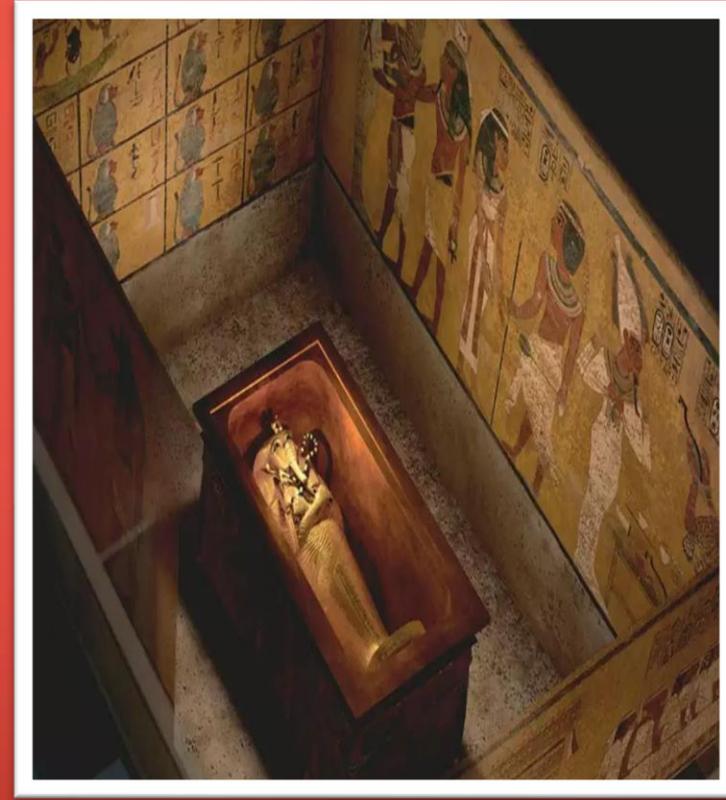
Normally, all the walls would be carved or painted, which is how we know that Tutankhamun died very suddenly.

- The images on the walls were from a ritual called the 'opening of the mouth'.



The Curse of the Mummy!

The curse of the mummy started after Tutankhamun's tomb was opened. Mummies have been thought to have magical powers and will curse anyone who disturbs them. It started when Lord Carnarvon, the man who paid for the dig of King Tut's tomb, died soon after it was opened. As soon as he died, all the lights in Cairo went out mysteriously. Other stories are that Carter's pet canary was killed by a cobra and Carnarvon's dog died the same night. Some think it was a germ but others say it was magic.



Task: Challenge 1: Answer the questions.

Challenge 2: Read the information text carefully and write information about Howard Carter in your own words. What did he discover? What does this tell us about life in Ancient Egypt?

For example:

- Introduction about Howard Carter.
- What did he find?
- Why is King Tutankhamun so famous?

You must make heading and subheadings while writing information about Howard Carter.