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Ancient Egyptian Survival Guide

Let's travel back over 2,500 years to Ancient Egypt. What would you need to know to journey safely through life and into the afterlife? Objects in these galleries will help you survive →

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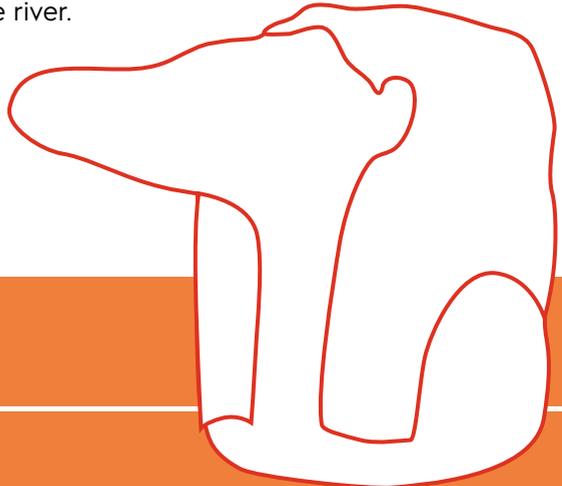
1 Travel safely on the river Nile

Find this model boat ▶

The river Nile was the source of all life in ancient Egypt, but it could be dangerous. Imagine sailing up the river on a boat like this. What if you fell in?

Find the crocodile god Sobek close by. Sobek could protect you against dangerous animals in the river.

Finish this drawing of him.



2 Worship the gods for help and protection

The ancient Egyptian gods were there to help you (as long as you made an offering in return). To survive in ancient Egypt, you'd need to know about them.

Find the 'Gods and Goddesses' case ▶



Which is your favourite animal god or goddess and why?



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If you were an animal headed god, what animal would you choose?

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What would you be the god of?

The sun, sky, rivers, war, or love?
Or something else?

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Draw yourself as an animal god.

3



Know that the Pharaoh is all powerful

◀ Find Pharaoh Taharqa's shrine, once part of a huge temple. The Pharaoh was so powerful he was worshipped as a god-king.

Look for the statue of Taharqa inside. Yikes – he's spotted you! Bow Low or sing before him.

A Pharaoh's name is written inside a frame called a cartouche. Play detective and hunt for his name written in hieroglyphs on the outside of the shrine.

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4 Prepare for the afterlife

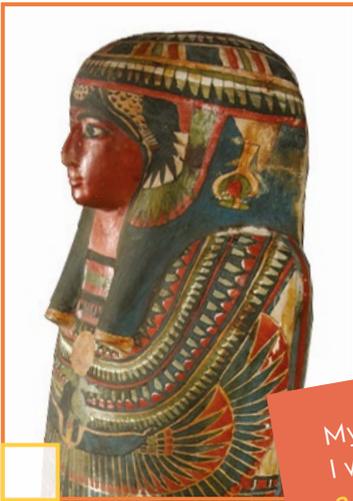
Ancient Egyptians believed in life after death. They planned carefully for the afterlife by putting things they'd need in their tombs.

What things would you choose?

Hunt for these tomb objects. Circle your favourite.



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Know why mummies matter

◀ **Find this mummy.** In ancient Egypt, preserving or mummifying the body was very important. The survival of the body meant your soul could live in the afterlife.

Our label is all muddled up. Cross out all the false facts and underline all the true facts.

My name is Mabel/Meresamun.
I worked as a Temple Singer/
a Popstar. I have a scarab beetle/
a banana* painted on my mummy
case which means rebirth in the
afterlife/I love bananas!

*Clue: Search me top to toe to find out



6 Organise your organs!

Skilled priests removed the main organs and preserved them in Canopic jars. You'd need these in the afterlife too. The heart stayed in the body as this was so important, but the brain was thrown away!

Imagine helping to organise these organs, *EEK, a bit messy!*

Find these canopic jars. Read the label to help match the right jars with the right organs ▼



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Be armed with amulets

Amulets were magical charms used by ancient Egyptians to protect them during life and in the afterlife. They were placed in the bandages of mummies. **Find these different kinds of amulet ▼**



Now draw them on this mummy. One of them must go in a special place – look out for the clue above.

**Congratulations
Time Traveller.**

Now you have some top tips for survival in ancient Egypt. Happy travelling!

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