

### Preparation for the Afterlife

- Body had to be prepared, took 70 days

\*\* Without the body the person's spirit couldn't eat, drink, dance or enjoy life's pleasures\*\*

- If the body decayed then the spirit would die
- **Ka-** spirit double, looked like the person, returned to body for food
- **Ba-** person's life force, needed the person's body
- If you did not have a name then you did not exist
- Wealthy had a funeral
  - a. Carried to the West Bank on the Nile
  - b. Purification Ritual

### Step 1: Pyramid Building

- Pyramid building part of the preparation
- Pyramids were built by slaves and farmers
- Pharaohs buried in pyramids to illustrate they were godlike
- When could farmers help build the pyramids?

### Step 2: Embalming

- Embalming- Process to treat the body to protect it from decay
- Embalmers place all internal organs in a jar, except for the heart
- Placed the liver, lungs, stomach, intestines into **Canopic Jars**
- **Hapy** (baboon) protected the lungs
- **Qebehseuef** (falcon) protected the intestines)
- **Duamutef**(jackal) protected the stomach
- **Imsety** (human) protected the liver)
- Covered body for 40 days with natron (salt), which dries out the body
- Washed/oiled body then wrapped it in 400 yards of linen strips
- Changes the body into a mummy
- Earliest mummies were laid in the desert to be preserved
- Mummy placed into tomb with items

### Step 3: Placing Mummy Into Tomb

#### Opening of the Mouth Ceremony

- A. Mummy placed upright so priest could perform ceremony
- B. Touched feet, hands, eyes, ears, nose, lips of the coffin
- C. Freed the senses to function in the next life
- A mask was placed over the mummy's head
- Many types of items placed in tomb

- Jewels/amulets to protect person into the next life
- Tomb walls painted with scenes from everyday life
- Painting guided people in the afterlife
- Allowed them not to forget how to do things they once did
- Objects/Paintings ensured people would continue to enjoy a good life
- \*\* Objects/Paintings found in tomb mostly in tombs of wealthy (points of classes)
- Pharaohs buried in pyramids to illustrate they were godlike
- Face of coffin sometimes a portrait of the dead person
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#### Step 4 **Chanting**

- After Mummy placed in a tomb, priests recited prayers/chanted magic spells
- Book of the Dead contains hymns, prayers, magic spells

#### Step 5: **Weighing of the Heart**

- Soul of the dead person argues its case before a jury of gods
- Weigh the heart of the dead person against the feather of truth
- \*\* Heart was the center of intelligence and memory\*\*
- If the heart was as light as a feather then the person lived a good life
- If the soul was heavy with sin then the individual died a second death
- The person was eaten by Ammut- a crocodile-headed monster
- Priests called on gods to help the dead person make the trip to the next world
- Workers seal the tomb- lets huge stones crash to block main passageway
- Made traps/stairs that led to nowhere to fool thieves
- Great Pyramid of Giza- largest pyramid, took over 100,000 men

\*\* Pyramids replaced by secret tombs in cliffs\*\*