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THE GREAT SPHINX OF GIZA

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THE GREAT SPHINX OF GIZA SUMMARY

This project is about the **Great Sphinx Of Giza**. In this presentation you will enrich your knowledge about the **Great Sphinx Of Giza**!



The Sphinx

The Sphinx is a mythical creature with the head of a human, but with the body of a lion. The face of the Sphinx represents the pharaoh Khafre. The Sphinx is the oldest monumental sculpture known in Egypt and one of the most recognizable statue in the world!

Location

The statue is located in Giza, Egypt more specifically on the Giza Plateau on the west bank of the river Nile. It measures 73 m of length, 19 m of width and 20 m of height. It's also facing directly from west to east.

Material

The Great Sphinx Of Giza is a statue made of limestone. The original shape was cut from a bedrock, and has been restored with layers of limestone blocks since. Also an Egyptian geologist Farouk El-Baz suggested that the head was carved first out of a natural yardang.

The broken nose

A popular myth states that the nose was not broken off by a cannon fire from Napoleon's troops during his Egyptian campaign back in 1798 since Frederic Louis Norden's drawings in 1937 already showed the broken nose.

Old Kingdom

The archaeological evidence believes that the Great Sphinx was created around 2500 BC for the builder of the second Pyramid at Giza, pharaoh Khafre (mentioned in 3rd slide)

New Kingdom

During the First Intermediate Period drifting sand buried the Sphinx up to its shoulders. The first excavation was attempted at 1400 BC. The young Thutmose IV gathered a team and they managed to dig out the front paws where he set up a tomb that the housed the Dream Stele an engraved granite block.

The main role

The Egyptians built the statue and the tombs because the wanted to store the dead bodies of the pharaohs inside to keep them from decay. Because they believed that after death the spirits lived and needed the bodies.

The Egyptians

The Egyptians were known for their high intelligence. The Egyptians were excellent engineers, astronomers, accountants, mathematicians and surgeons. They also used Hieroglyphics to write.

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Sources: Wikipedia & Students Book.