

Egypt



A collection of images and facts to introduce you to
the land of the pharaohs

Egypt is a popular destination for tourists



The Egyptian flag



Egypt is a country in the North of Africa.





For thousands of years,
people have lived along the
banks of the River Nile
(since around 6000BC.)

Much of the country is arid
desert, so think about how
important the River Nile has
been for millennia!

Fishing on the River Nile



Fertile farmland along the banks of the Nile





Egyptian landscapes





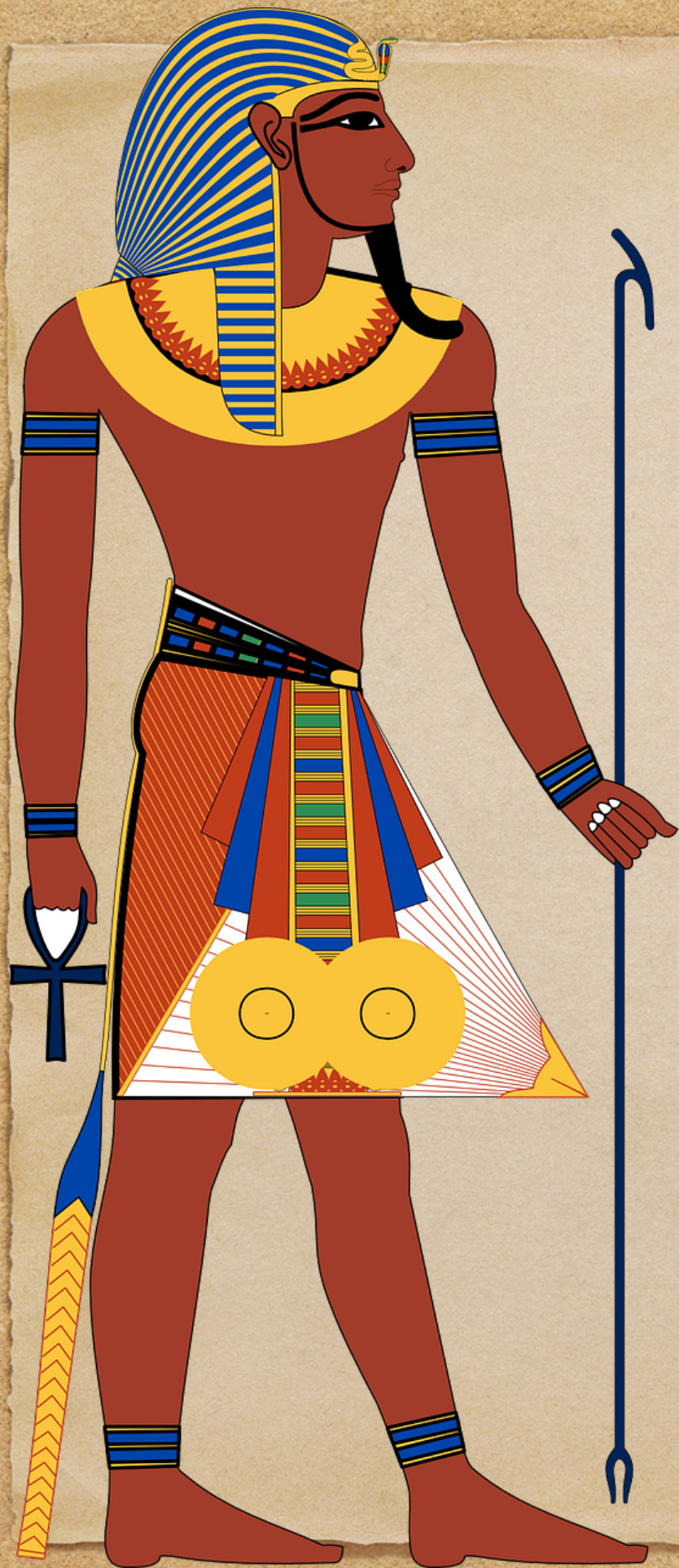




Egypt is bordered by two seas. The Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.







Pharaohs ruled Egypt from
around 3000BC to 30BC,
when the Roman Empire
took over Egypt.



Tutankhamun is a famous pharaoh. His tomb was discovered in 1922 and, to everyone's surprise, the tomb was still filled with all of his treasures. (The tombs of the other pharaohs had already been excavated by explorers or looted by bandits at that time.)

Pharoahs were buried in
pyramids with all of their
treasures. You can still visit the
pyramids today, thousands of
years after they were built!







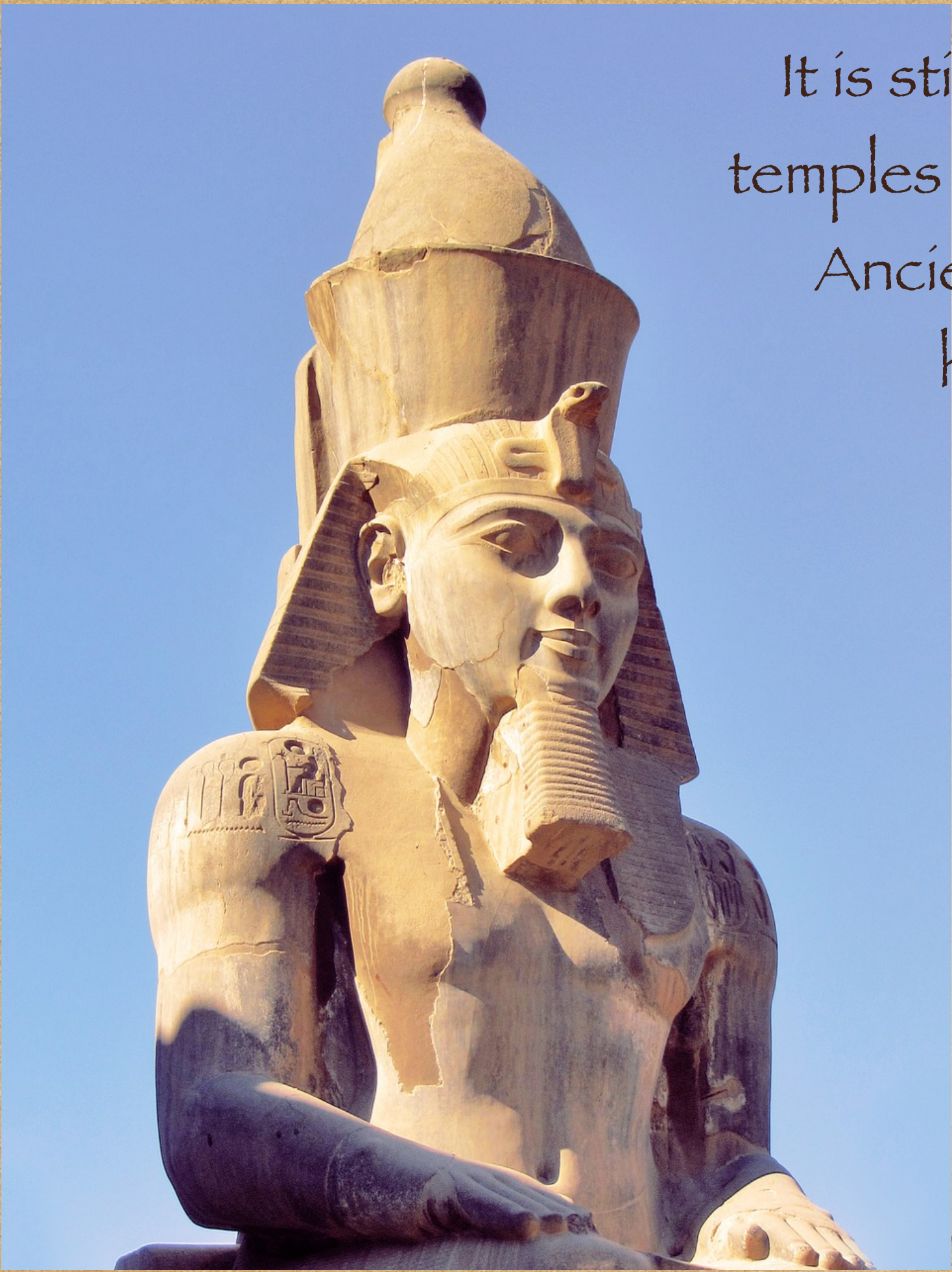
The Sphinx was built in 2500 BC for the pharaoh Khafra.



The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods and goddesses.



They worshipped the gods to ask for their protection and to make sure their lives ran smoothly.



It is still possible to see many
temples and monuments that the
Ancient Egyptians built to
honour the gods.

The Pharaohs were also
worshipped as gods.

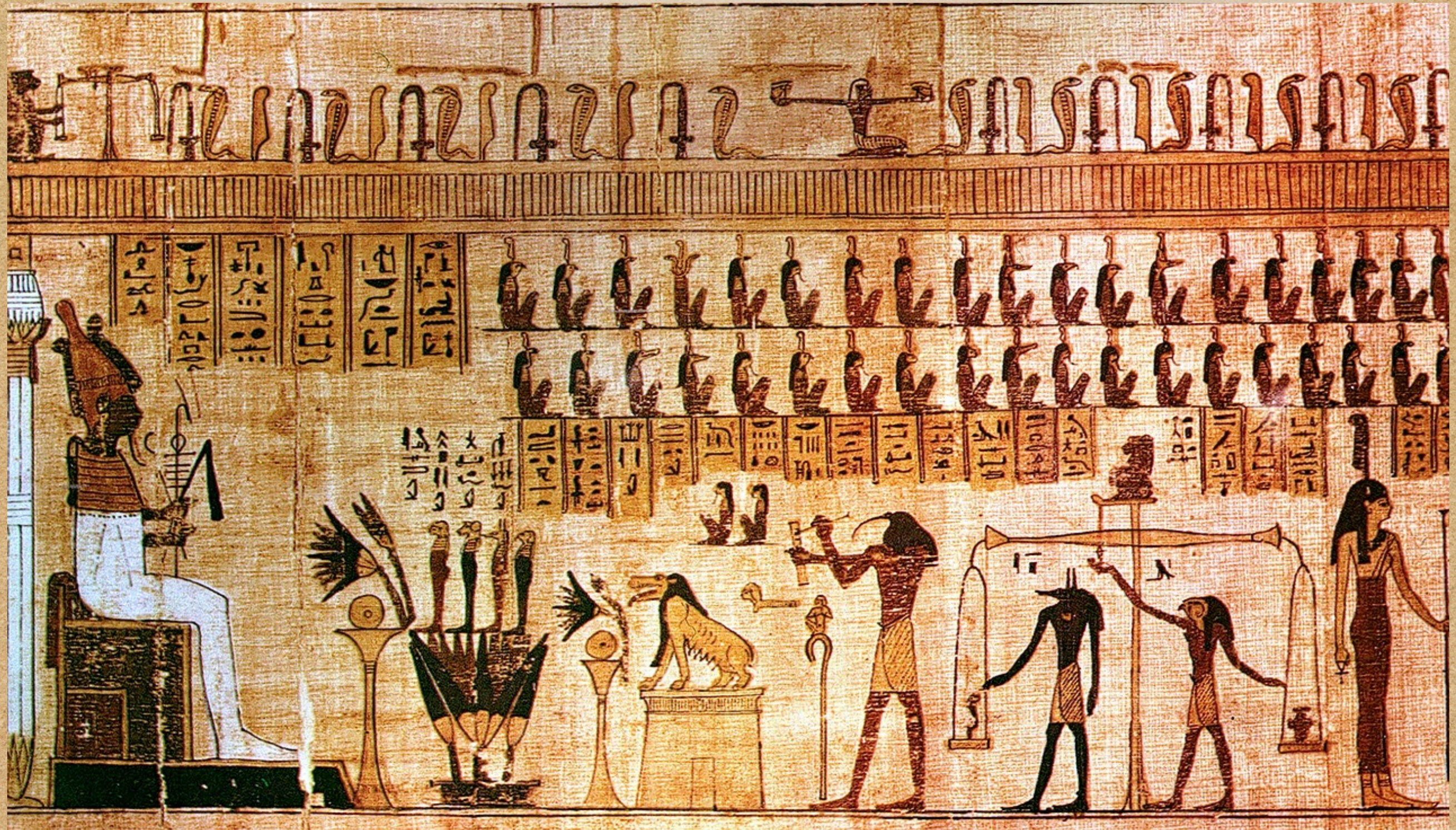








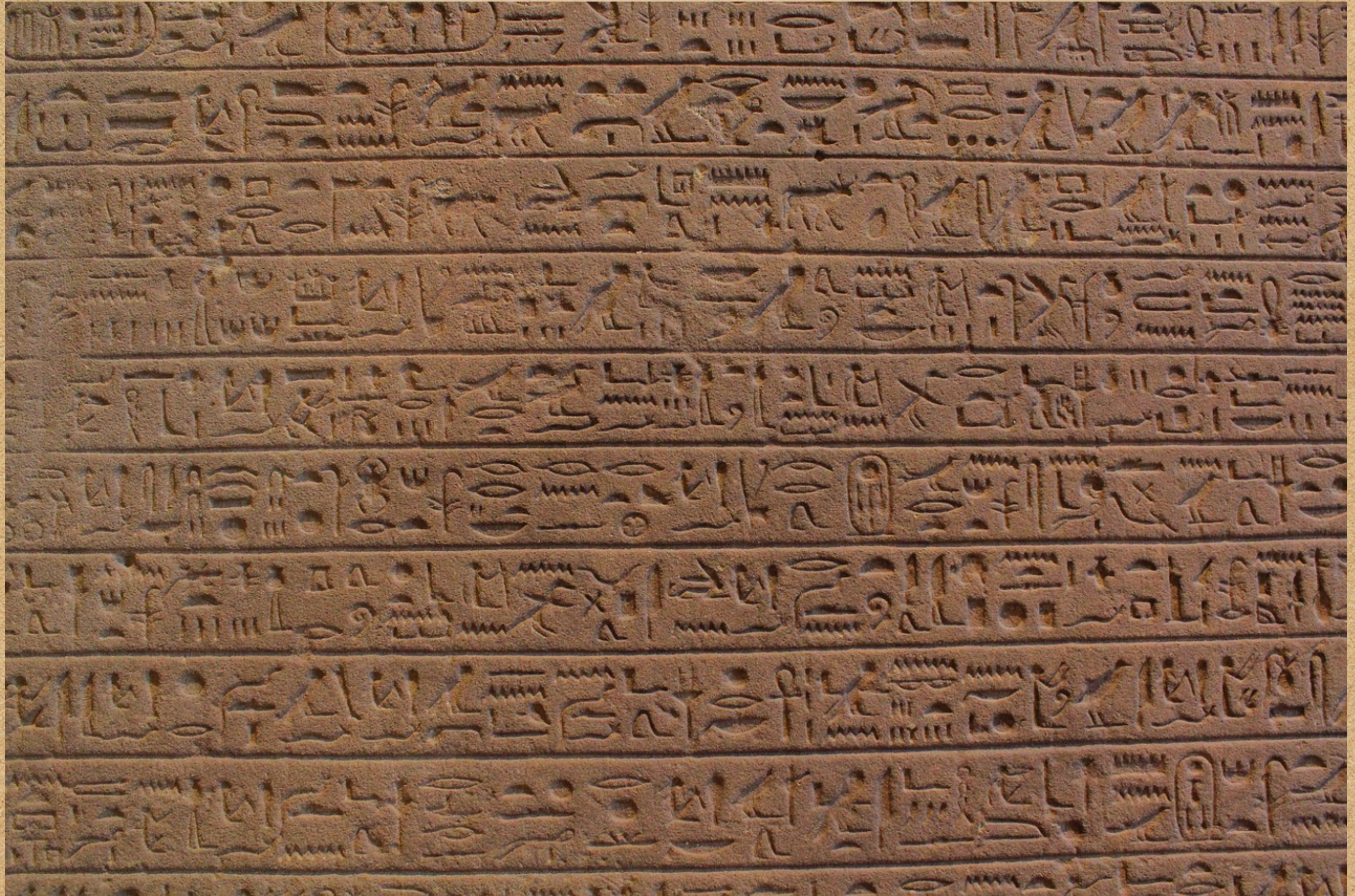
We can learn a lot about life in Ancient Egypt from the drawings found in scrolls, pyramids, temples and other monuments.







Ancient Egyptians wrote using hieroglyphics.



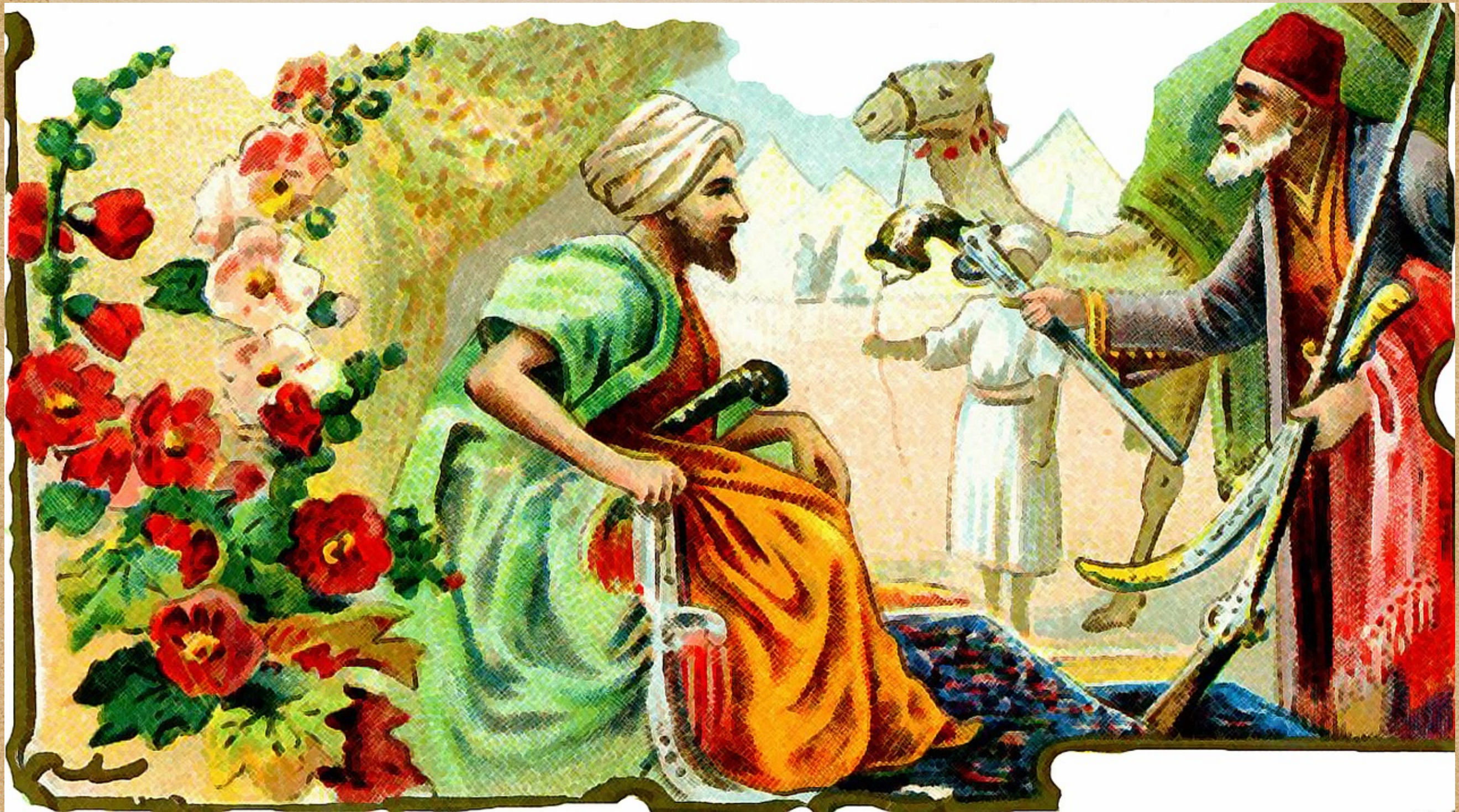


The Ancient Egyptians used mummification to preserve bodies from decay. Bodies would be embalmed and wrapped in strips of cloth, before being laid in coffins and buried.

A close up of a mummified person



Egypt was later conquered by Arabs, and is now an Arab republic.



Nowadays, Islam is the main religion in Egypt.





Modern day Cairo

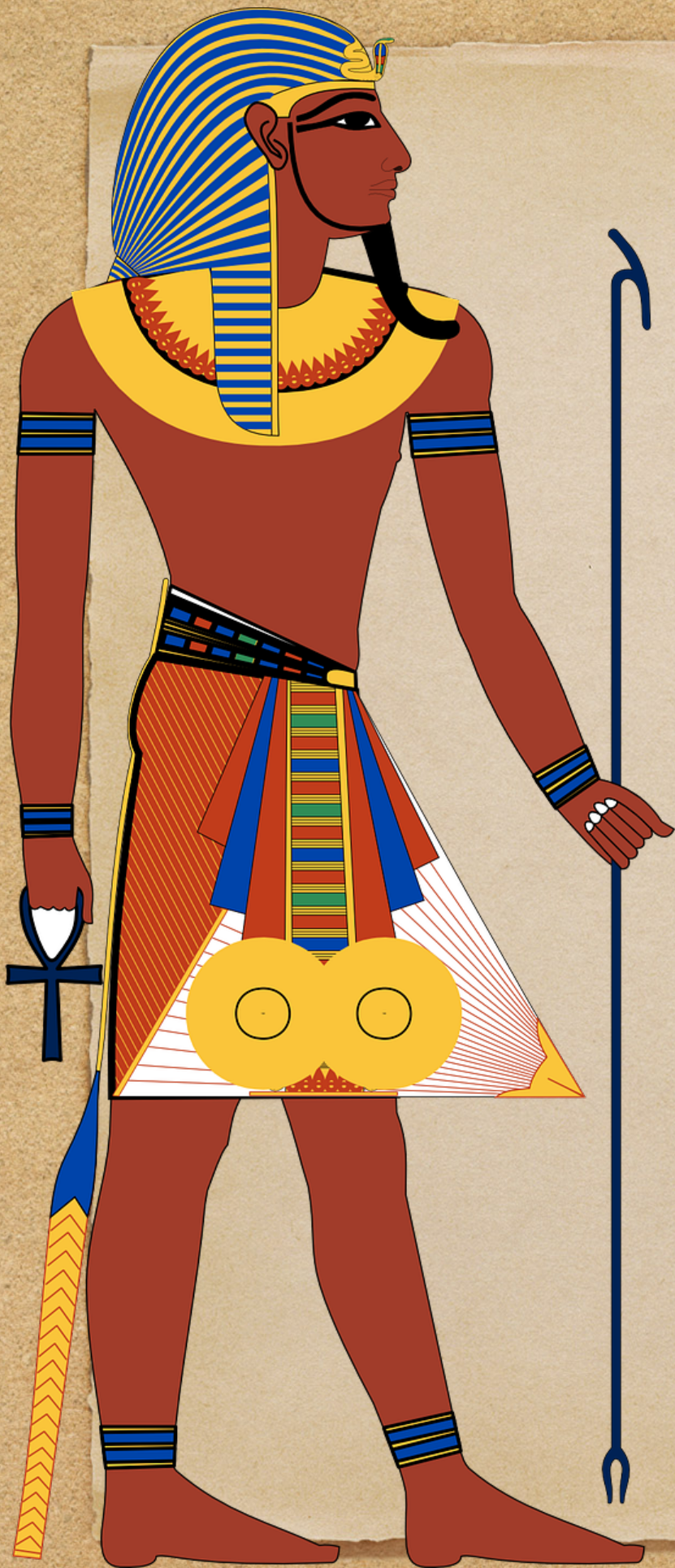


A fun activity in Egypt



I hope you enjoyed learning more about Egypt!





Some suggested follow up activities:
Make a poster or leaflet about Egypt.
Make a pyramid using card, straws,
plasticine or toy blocks.
Design your own Pharaoh's death mask
(just like Tutankhamun's.)
Make an Egyptian mummy by wrapping
string or wool around card. You could
even mummify a friend with bandages or
a roll of tissues!