

TALES OF ANCIENT EGYPT BIOGRAPHIES

Learning Objective:
To organise facts into related paragraphs.

Let's take a look at another example of a biography.



What do you think of this text?
What is successful about this piece of writing?
What is it missing?

Howard Carter was a famous archaeologist who's greatest achievement was uncovering the famous tomb of King Tutankhamun in 1922. His determination and perseverance when searching for the tomb made him one of the most famous Egyptologists in the world. Howard Carter was born in England and grew up in Norfolk. As a child, he would often visit a neighbouring mansion which housed a wonderful collection of Ancient Egyptian artefacts. He loved to investigate and study these artefacts, sparking a lifelong passion for Ancient Egypt. At 17 years old he was employed as an archaeological artist in Egypt, where it was his job to draw and categorise the details of artefacts found on Egyptian dig sites. His wide knowledge of Ancient Egypt helped get him noticed by Lorn Carnarvon, who employed Carter to lead the excavation of dig site KV62: the site which was thought to be the location of the tomb of a great Pharaoh. After years of searching, they finally found something. In 1922, one of Carter's team found a stone step which, when uncovered, was part of a staircase leading to the entrance to a tomb. Carter had to wait two weeks before he could look inside, but when he did, he said that it was full of indescribable things. Carter was able to learn so much about Ancient Egyptian life from the artefacts found in the first room of the tomb, but the best was yet to come. A separate burial chamber contained a nest of three coffins, the last of which was made of solid gold! This was the sarcophagus of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun. Carter spent years recording and studying the tomb. In 1932, he began lecturing other archaeologists about his findings. He died in 1939, leaving behind a wonderful collection of spectacular Ancient Egyptian treasures.

What do you notice about this text?

What do you think is good and what is not so good about it?

The text is missing something. Can you tell what it's missing?



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**The text doesn't have any paragraphs!
It's all in one big section, making it hard to read and
pretty uninviting!**

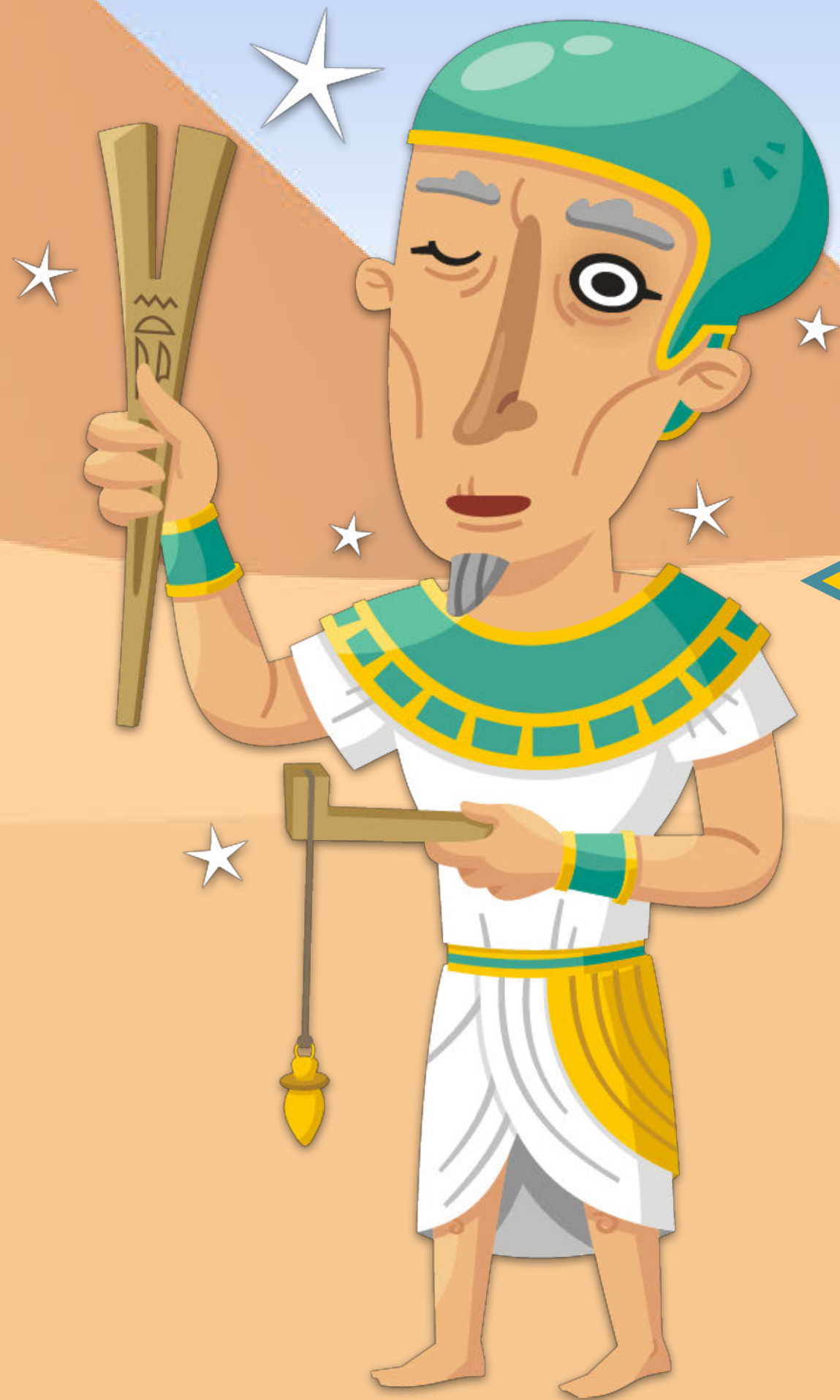
Think, pair, share...

**What do you
know already about
paragraphs?
What are they for?
Hint: Think about what happens
when there are no
paragraphs.**

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A paragraph is a section of writing with one or more sentences in it. All the sentences in a paragraph will be about one main point or subject.



In a non-fiction text like a biography, a new paragraph is needed when the topic changes or a new, different point is being discussed.

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In a fiction text like a story, new paragraphs usually signal a change in point of view, such as a new speaker, topic or a change in time.

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Paragraphs make the text easier to read as it is broken into sections.

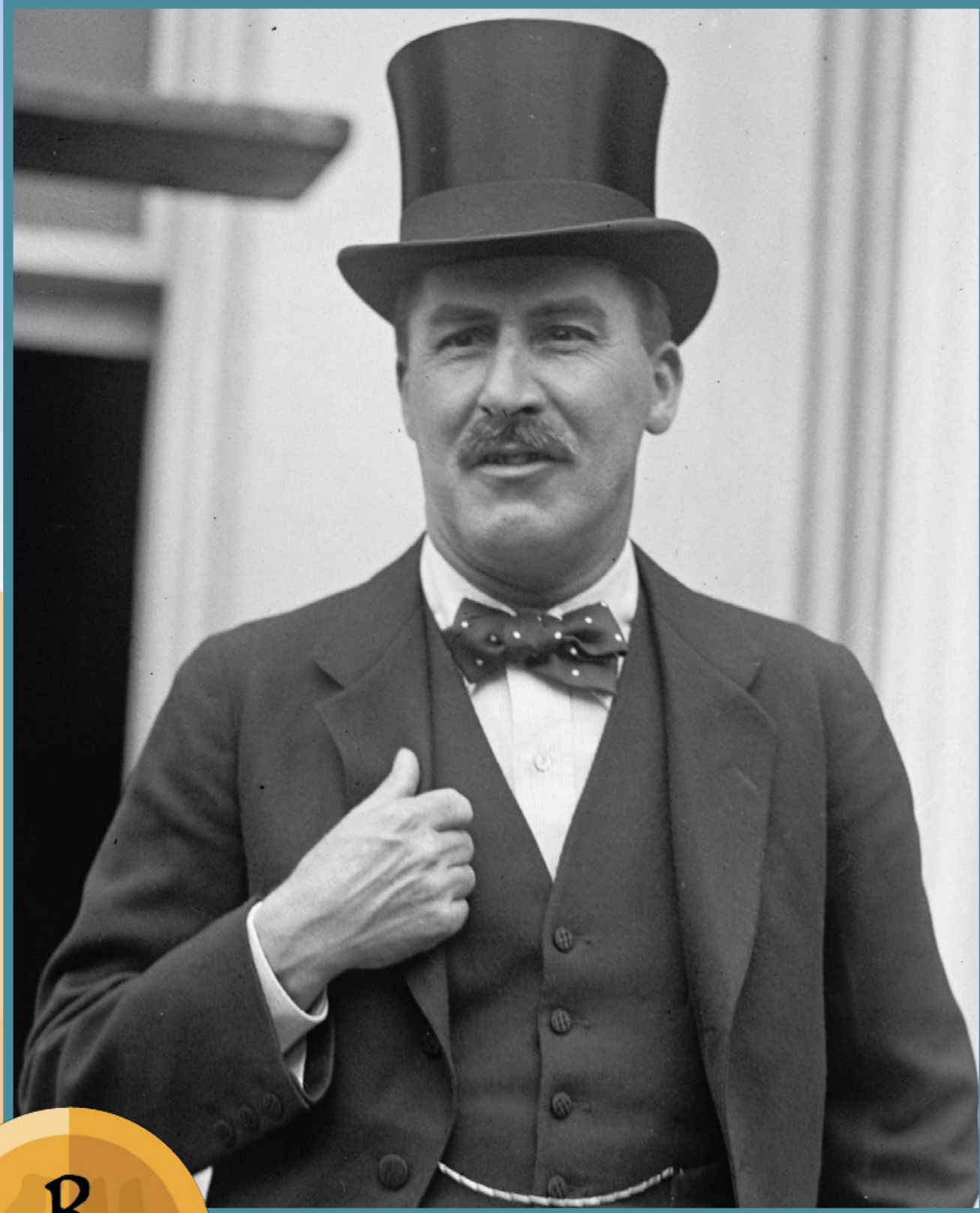


A new paragraph can be shown by starting a new line and leaving a line between the last paragraph and your new paragraph.

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Take a look at these sentences. Can you spot where a new paragraph is needed?



Howard Carter was born in England and grew up in Norfolk. As a child he enjoyed investigating the collection of Ancient Egyptian artefacts at a neighbouring mansion. This sparked his curiosity around Ancient Egypt. Carter worked as an archaeological artist on several Egyptian dig sites. It was his job to draw, categorise and record the artefacts, drawings and carvings that they found.

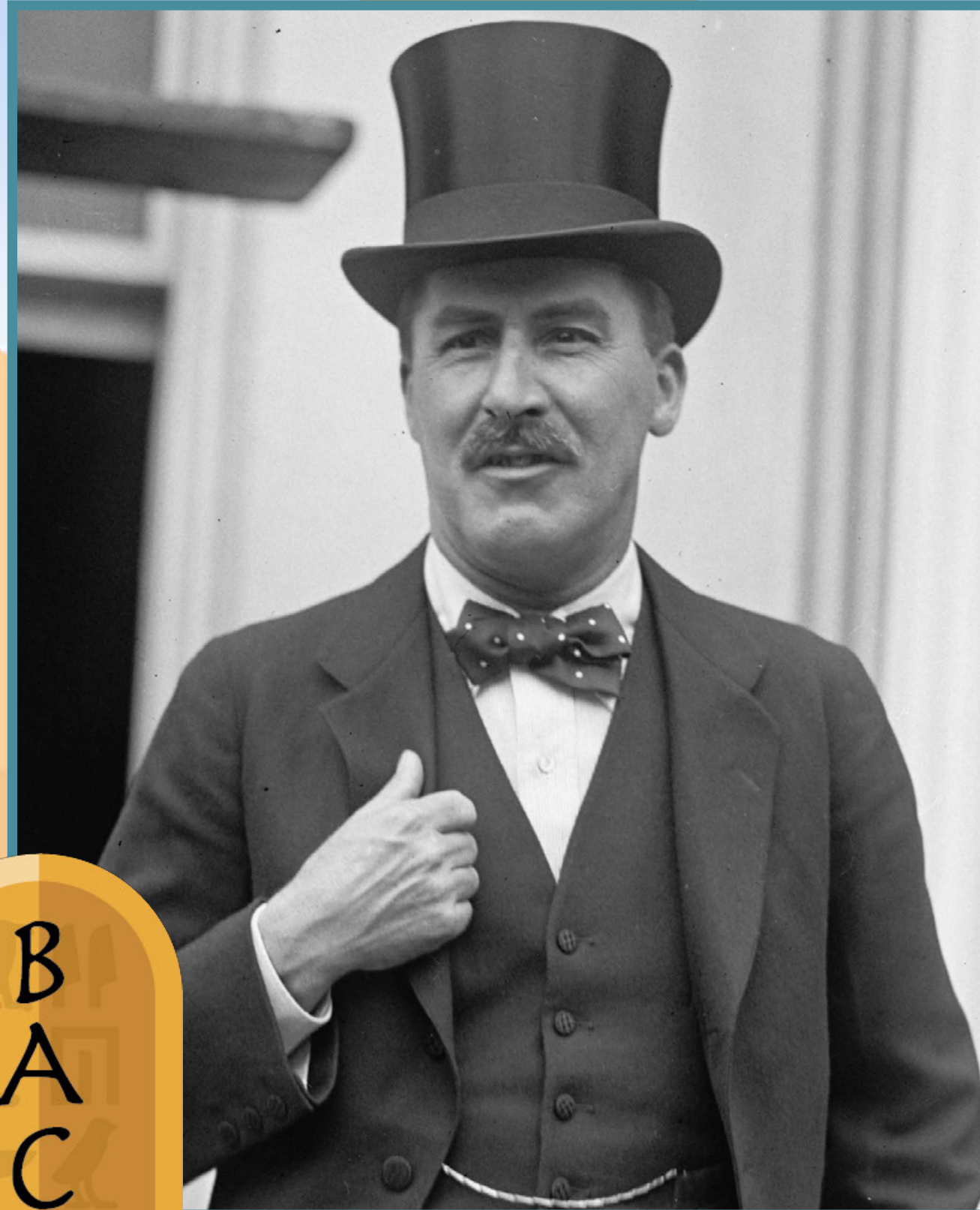
Hint: Look for a change in the topic being discussed.

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Did you spot it?

The first paragraph is talking about Howard Carter's childhood. The second is discussing his career.



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In non-fiction texts it's easier to think of each paragraph having a subheading. The subheading can summarise what the paragraph is about.

Childhood

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Early Career

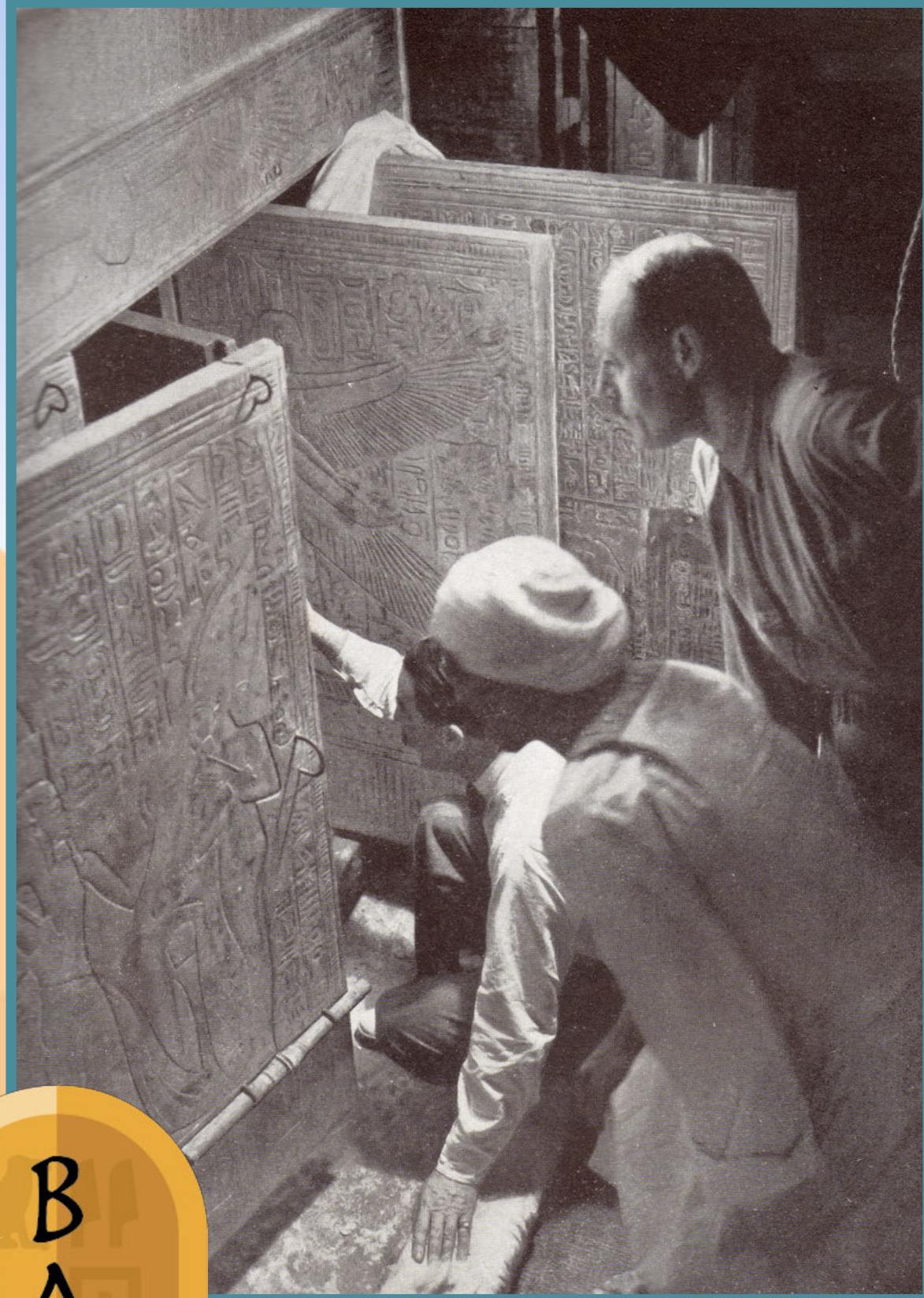
Carter worked as an archaeological artist on several Egyptian dig sites. It was his job to draw, categorise and record the artefacts, drawings and carvings that they found .

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Think, pair, share...

What subheading would you give this paragraph?



In November 1922 one of Carter's team found a stone step in the sand. They had finally found something and the whole team worked to uncover a staircase leading to a sealed tomb. Carter had to wait two weeks for Lord Carnarvon to arrive before he could begin opening the door and exploring what he believed to be the 3000-year-old tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun.

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Take another look at the Text Card we looked at earlier. Can you help spot the places where a new paragraph is needed?



There should be five paragraphs. What subheading would you give each paragraph?

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Do think you could describe what a paragraph is and what they are used for without saying any of these words?

Practise with a partner first and then share your description as a class.

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