

The Boy King

Read about Tutankhamun, the boy king. Then look at the sentences below the text. Are the sentences true or false?

Tutankhamun ruled as pharaoh in Ancient Egypt during the 14th century BC. He was a pharaoh of the 18th dynasty. He became king when he was eight years old, but did not reign for very long. He died at the age of eighteen during the Egyptian war with the Hittites in Syria.

We do not know very much about Tutankhamun's life. It is thought that he was the son of Kiya and Akhenaten and that he married one of Akhenaten's daughters. Because he became king at such a young age he had many older advisers. During his reign he restored temples and images of the old Egyptian gods. When he died his chief adviser, called Ay, became king.

Tutankhamun is famous for the treasure found in his tomb. He was buried in the Valley of Kings, but his tomb was not discovered for thousands of years. Most of the other tombs were robbed and the treasures stolen, but Tutankhamun's tomb was not found because the tomb of Ramses VI was built on top of it.

Only in 1922 was Tutankhamun's tomb discovered – by a British archaeologist called Howard Carter. Three coffins were found in the tomb. The inside coffin was made of solid gold. Many treasures were also found in the tomb, including the famous golden portrait mask of Tutankhamun. Many pieces of jewellery were also found on the mummy. In the rooms next to the coffins they found furniture, statues, clothes, weapons and a chariot! These treasures are now on display in the Egyptian museum in Cairo.

- 1) Tutankhamun became king when he was eighteen years old.
- 2) He was king for a very long time.
- 3) He died fighting the Hittites in Syria.
- 4) He probably married a daughter of Akhenaten.
- 5) Although he was a young king, he ruled everything himself.
- 6) Tutankhamun's tomb was not found in the Valley of the Kings.
- 7) His tomb was discovered under another tomb.
- 8) A British man found the tomb.
- 9) All three of Tutankhamun's coffins were made of solid gold.
- 10) You can see all the treasure from the tomb in Cairo.



Answers: 1) F, 2) F, 3) T, 4) T, 5) F, 6) F, 7) T, 8) T, 9) F, 10) T