

Meet the Pharaohs

Week 3 • Monday • Kings and Queens of Egypt

Today's Goals

- ✓ Learn what a pharaoh was.
- ✓ Discover the crowns and symbols of a pharaoh.
- ✓ Meet some famous pharaohs of Egypt.

Reading Time

Ancient Egypt had powerful rulers called **pharaohs**. A pharaoh was like a king — but even more! Egyptians believed the pharaoh was chosen by the gods to lead them. The pharaoh made the laws, led the army, and owned all the land.

Pharaohs wore special crowns. The white crown stood for Upper Egypt in the south, and the red crown stood for Lower Egypt in the north. When Egypt became one kingdom, pharaohs wore a double crown — both together! They also carried a crook and a flail, symbols of caring for and protecting their people.

There were about 170 pharaohs over 3,000 years. Some famous ones were **Tutankhamun** (the boy king), **Ramses II** (who ruled for 66 years), and **Hatshepsut** — a woman who became one of Egypt's greatest rulers!

Reading Questions

1. What was a pharaoh?

2. What did the double crown show?

3. Name one famous pharaoh and one fact about them.

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

pharaoh

crown

kingdom

ruler

crook

symbol

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ A pharaoh was the ruler of ancient Egypt.
- ☐ Egyptians believed pharaohs were chosen by the gods.
- ☐ Pharaohs wore baseball caps.
- ☐ Hatshepsut was a woman who ruled Egypt.
- ☐ Tutankhamun became pharaoh when he was a boy.
- ☐ There was only one pharaoh in all of Egypt's history.

• **Design a Pharaoh**

Draw yourself as a pharaoh! Include a crown, a crook, and a flail.



Think About It

1. If you were pharaoh for one day, what law would you make? Why?

2. Why do you think pharaohs carried a crook, like a shepherd's staff?

Review

I learned...	Circle one
What a pharaoh was	YES / NOT YET
The name of one famous pharaoh	YES / NOT YET