

Leaders Then and Now

Week 3 • Thursday • Pharaohs and Our Leaders Today

Reading Time

A pharaoh had ALL the power in Egypt. Nobody voted for the pharaoh. When a pharaoh died, his son — or sometimes his daughter — became the next ruler. The pharaoh's word was law, and pharaohs ruled for their whole lives.

Today, many countries choose their leaders by **voting**. In the United States, grown-ups vote for a president. The president must follow the laws too, and can only lead for a few years before people vote again. That is very different from ancient Egypt!

But some things are the same. Leaders then and now must make big decisions, keep people safe, and plan for the future. Great buildings still get built — but today workers use cranes and trucks instead of ramps and sleds!

Reading Questions

1. How did someone become pharaoh?

2. How do many countries choose leaders today?

3. Name one thing that is the SAME about leaders then and now.

Pharaoh or President?

Write PHARAOH, PRESIDENT, or BOTH for each statement.

Statement	Pharaoh, President, or Both?
Is chosen by voting	
Rules for their whole life	
Makes big decisions for the country	
Gets the job from their parent	
Must follow the laws too	
Tries to keep people safe	

Fill in the Blanks

vote pharaoh president laws life

1. A _____ ruled ancient Egypt with all the power.
2. Pharaohs ruled for their whole _____.
3. Today, many people _____ to choose their leaders.
4. The leader of the United States is called the _____.
5. Leaders today must follow the _____ too.

Think About It

1. Would you rather live under a pharaoh or vote for your leader? Why?

2. What makes someone a GOOD leader? Write two things.

Draw It!

Draw two leaders side by side: a pharaoh of ancient Egypt and a leader from today.

Review

I learned...	Circle one
How pharaohs got their power	YES / NOT YET
How leaders are chosen today	YES / NOT YET