

Treasures of King Tut

Week 3 • Wednesday • The Boy King's Golden Tomb

Reading Time

Tutankhamun — we call him King Tut — became pharaoh when he was only about nine years old. That's just a little older than you! He ruled Egypt for about ten years, more than 3,300 years ago.

In 1922, an explorer named **Howard Carter** found King Tut's tomb hidden in a rocky valley called the Valley of the Kings. When Carter peeked through a small hole, someone asked, 'Can you see anything?' He answered, 'Yes — wonderful things!'

Inside were more than 5,000 treasures: a golden chariot, jeweled boxes, games, and even the king's sandals. Most famous of all was King Tut's golden mask, made of about 10 kilograms of shining gold. Because the tomb was hidden so well, robbers never found it — so historians got to study everything!

Reading Questions

1. How old was King Tut when he became pharaoh?

2. Who found King Tut's tomb, and in what year?

3. Why was finding this tomb so important for historians?

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

tomb

treasure

explorer

mask

golden

discover

True or False

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

- ☐ King Tut became pharaoh as a young boy.
- ☐ Howard Carter found King Tut's tomb in 1922.
- ☐ The tomb was empty when Carter found it.
- ☐ King Tut's mask was made of gold.
- ☐ The tomb was in the Valley of the Kings.
- ☐ Robbers stole everything from King Tut's tomb.

Hands-On: Be Howard Carter

You need: a grown-up to hide 5 small 'treasures' (coins, toys, buttons) around a room.

You are the explorer! Search carefully like an archaeologist. When you find each treasure, write it in the table — and remember Carter's words: 'Yes, wonderful things!'

Treasure I found	Where it was hidden

• **Design a Golden Mask**

Draw your own golden pharaoh mask like King Tut's. Add stripes, jewels, and a cobra on the forehead!



Think About It

1. How do you think Howard Carter felt when he first saw the treasures?

