

Year 3 Home Learning

Friday 26th June 2026

- Pick one of the two options to complete.
- Option 1 – Mummification
- Option 2 – Death Masks

Option 1 – Read the information, then try mummifying an orange!

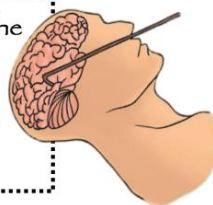
Mummification

Ancient Egyptians would preserve the bodies of people when they died to prepare them for the afterlife. When it was someone important that died, like a Pharaoh, they would do this through the process of mummification. There were many steps to mummification and it took around 70 days.

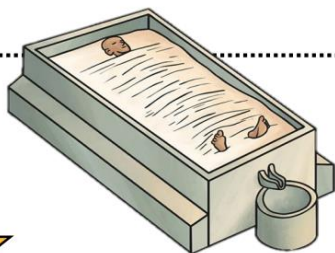
1 The body was taken to the beautiful house and washed with wine and water from the Nile.



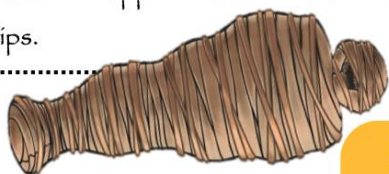
2 Next, all the organs, apart from the heart were removed from the body. The brain would be removed through the nose using a hook. A cut would be made on the left side of the body to remove the rest of the internal organs.



3 The body was then left to dry out completely. It was stuffed with saw dust and then placed in a bath of natron, which was a type of salt and then left for around 70 days.



4 Next it was time for the body to be wrapped. During this process the Priest would wear the mask of the God Anubis. First, the body would be coated in a sticky resin made from plants. The body was then wrapped in hundreds of metres of linen strips.



Canopic Jars

The organs removed from the body were stored in Canopic jars. Each jar represented an Egyptian God and they each looked after a specific organ.



Hapi
Lungs

Duamutef
Stomach

Qubesenuf
Intestines

Imsety
Liver

5 Finally the body would be covered with a death mask and then placed in a large stone coffin called a sarcophagus and then placed inside their tomb with all the items that they needed for the afterlife.

Can you find out about the weighing of the heart?

Who did this?
Why?

Where did it happen?
What happened?

Have a go at mummifying an orange

You will need:

- An orange
- Salt
- Bicarbonate of soda
- Small bandage roll
- Knife
- Teaspoon
- Nice smelling spice e.g. cinnamon
- Paper towel



What you need to do:



1. Slice the top of the orange about half way down
2. Squeeze excess juice into a cup
3. Scoop the insides of the orange into the cup with a teaspoon
4. Place the paper towel inside the orange, to dry it out, for about 5 minutes.
5. Remove the paper towel
6. Sprinkle about half a teaspoon of cinnamon inside the orange
7. Pour the 'natron' (salt and bicarbonate of soda) to fill the orange.
8. Wrap the orange with a bandage and start by wrapping across the cut you made earlier. (Try to wrap it as tightly as you can.)
9. Keep the orange in a cold dark place for around a month and you will have a mummified orange.

Option 2 – Design your own Egyptian Death Mask.

Death Mask



Once a person had been mummified they would have their death mask placed over them. Eyes would be painted on so that the person's soul would be able to see and find their way into the afterlife. This is a photograph of Pharaoh Tutankhamun's death mask.

You can either print this page out or draw your own version of it.

Have a go at designing your own Egyptian death mask

