

Discovering Ancient Egypt

Explore the exhibition and meet some key people who have helped us understand the lives of the ancient Egyptians. Complete the challenges as you go, and discover some of Scotland's hidden ancient Egyptian stories.

Hello there! My name is A___x___er H__yR_in_ and I'm an archaeologist.

I was the first person to work and record my findings scientifically in Egypt. I was born in W___k in the very North of Scotland. I first travelled to Egypt in 1856 – over 160 years ago – and worked at a site called Thebes. I found lots

of important objects, here are some of them...

Can you find this?

This is a piece of papyrus from an ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead! Because no one knew what death would be like, the ancient Egyptians made these books, full of spells to help keep them safe and comfortable in the afterlife.

How many different colours of ink can you see in the papyrus?

Which colour do you think tells you the title of the spell?



Can you find the wooden falcon? Complete the picture of it here!

Some ancient Egyptian coffins had figures like these attached to them. They acted as guardians for the mummified person, as they represented gods who would protect the dead.

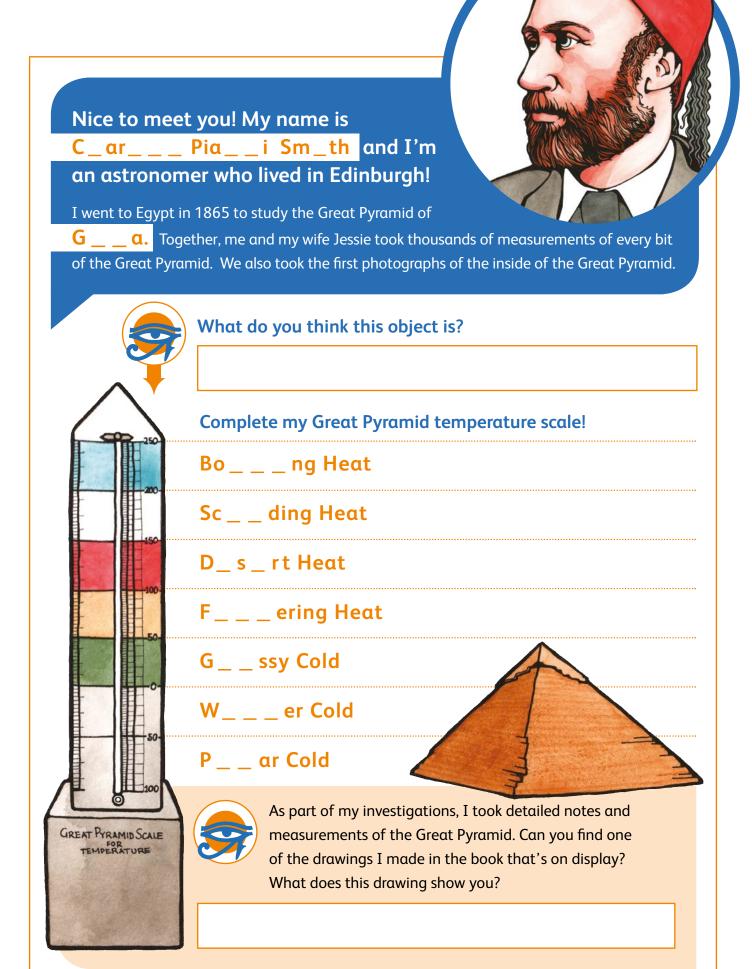




Can you find the objects that look like this?

These labels were tied to the bodies of mummified people to help identify them! This label tells us that this person was a princess called Sathori.

Egyptian handwriting can go from left to right (like ours), right to left, or even up to down! This label is written right to left. Make your own label here with your name which could be tied to you or your objects after you died – write in any direction you like!



Hello there! My name is A _ _ ie Pirie Qui _ell and I'm an artist from Aberdeen, I was one of

Aberdeen. I was one of the first women to study Egyptology at university.

I excavated in Egypt for many years and found many important objects. All of these things are from a place called Hierakonpolis, the home to one of the oldest temples in Egypt, over 5000 years old!

So that other people could see the things we found, I drew them to go in books.



What do you think the sign on the right is supposed to be? (Here's a hint, it's an animal that can sting you with its tail!) Can you find the baboon statuette? Sketch it in the space here!

One of the most important objects we found is the Narmer Palette, which shows the first King of Egypt on it. Because it is so important it is still in Egypt, so this is a plaster cast. Can you tell who the King is? He is shown bigger than everyone else to show how powerful he is!

Pop a circle around the King when you find him!

One of the other finds from the Hierakonpolis site was a bowl with very early hieroglyphic symbols on it!

Can you sketch out the symbols on the bowl here?

Well done! You have completed all of our ancient Egyptian challenges!







