

Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses



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goddesses



NAME: Ra

GOD OF: the sun

Ra was the most important god to all the Egyptians.

It was believed that he was swallowed by Nut the sky goddess every night and born again in the morning.

The Egyptians also believed that Ra travelled through the underworld at night, where he appeared as a man with the head of a ram!



NAME: Anubis

GOD OF: the dead and the process of embalming

It was thought that jackals watched over the dead as they were seen in cemeteries a lot.

Anubis helped to embalm Osiris when he was killed by Seth.

Egyptian priests would wear a mask of Anubis during mummification ceremonies.



NAME: *Osiris*

GOD OF: *the dead and the underworld.*

Osiris was also a god of resurrection and fertility.

The Egyptians believed that he gave them the gift of their most important crop, barley.

Osiris was the husband of Isis and the father of Horus.

NAME: Nut and Geb

GOD/GODDESS OF: Nut - the sky, Geb - the earth



Nut's body is stretched across the sky and covered in stars. She and Geb are the parents of Isis and Osiris.

Nut is the sister/wife of Geb and it is believed that Nut swallowed Ra, the sun god at the end of every day and gave birth to him again in the morning.

It was believed that earthquakes are caused by Geb's laughing.



NAME: Sekhmet

GODDESS OF: war

Sekhmet means 'the powerful one'!

She is sometimes called the daughter of the sun god Ra.

She is celebrated at the end of battles.



NAME: Horus

GOD OF: the sky

Protector and ruler of Egypt. All living pharaohs were considered a 'living Horus'.

It was believed that Horus was the son of Isis and Osiris.

Horus became a ruler of the living after losing an eye in a battle and having it restored. The eye then became a symbol of protection.



NAME: Thoth

GOD OF: writing and knowledge

Thoth could also appear as a baboon.

It was believed that Thoth gave the Egyptians the gift of hieroglyphs.



NAME: Isis

GODDESS OF: protecting the needy.

Isis is the wife of Osiris. Each pharaoh of the time was considered a 'living Horus' so she was very important as their wife.

She is also the mother of Horus and has him sitting on her lap.

This creation myth explains where the Egyptians thought the gods and goddesses came from:

<http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/gods/story/main.html>

The activities on the following slides can be completed over two Topic lessons.

Recap the slides before completing Activity three.

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The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods and goddesses. Each one had their own role to play in maintaining _____ and _____ across the land.

Some gods and goddesses took part in creation, some brought the _____ every year, some offered protection, and some took care of people after they die. Others were either local gods who represented towns, or minor gods who represented _____ or animals.

The Ancient Egyptians believed that it was important to recognise and worship these gods and goddesses so that life continued smoothly.

Why do some gods and goddesses have animal heads?

Some gods and goddesses were associated with particular _____. There was often a connection between the god and goddess and the actions of the animal. For example, the goddess of war, named _____, was sometimes shown with the head of a _____ to show that she was ferocious.

Why were cats important in Ancient Egypt?

Nearly all Ancient Egyptian homes had a cat, but they were not kept as _____. They believed that cats had magical powers which protected their homes and _____ from danger. Cats were also useful for keeping down the rat population and chasing away snakes.

Cats were considered so important that hurting one in Ancient Egypt could be punished with _____!

plants	lioness	death	peace	Neith
pets	harmony	animals	children	flood

ACTIVITY ONE

Complete the sheet on the Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses by using the words at the bottom to fill in the gaps.

ACTIVITY TWO

Choose two gods or goddesses you have learned about and complete the fact file with information on their name, role, any other information and a picture.



Ra



Osiris



Sekhmet



Thoth



Isis

Horus



Anubis



Nut and Geb



ACTIVITY THREE

Today, you're going to make up some ancient Egyptian gods. After choosing the characteristics and appearance of your Egyptian god, you will write a short creation story that includes how your god came to be and shows them using their powers. If you have trouble coming up with an idea about how your god came to be, consider one of the following: 1) Your god fell out of the sky, or 2) Your god appeared suddenly out of the sand.

While you may give your god a few magical or supernatural powers, ancient Egyptian gods each had several jobs that kept them busy and productive. In ancient Egypt, gods stood for something. One god stood for loyalty. Another god stood for truth and justice...

1. First, design your god's appearance.

Choose one of the following on which to build your design.

2. Decide what your god stands for - school, friendship, fun, homework, good advice, or whatever you choose. Describe your god's job, what your god protects (or whom) and what or whom your god punishes.

3. Give your god one or two supernatural abilities that will help that god or goddess to do their job well, like being able to see in the dark or never sleeping.

4. Put your god to work. Remember, your god's job should align with the characteristics you have given them.

5. Write your creation story.

6. Illustrate your story. At least one illustration must include a drawing of your god with his or her animal head.