

The Egyptian pyramids

A photograph of the Great Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. The image shows three large pyramids and a smaller one in the foreground, set against a clear blue sky. The pyramids are made of brownish sandstone and are situated in a desert landscape. The text 'The Egyptian pyramids' is overlaid in yellow on the image.

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The reasons for the pyramids



- 1) to give the Pharaoh eternal life
- 2) competition between Pharaohs
- 3) The pyramid is a shape of power, importance and knowledge
- 4) They only buried pharaohs in Pyramids

What are the Egyptian pyramids made from?



- Limestone
- White Limestone: Muqattam
- Pink Granite
- Basalt
- Alabaster
- Mudbricks

these are the most common stones for creating the pyramids.

The Egypt pyramid as a symbol



- The shape of Egyptian pyramids – to represent the first hill from which the Egyptians believed the earth was created
- Pyramids were often also named in ways that referred to solar shining (*The Southern Shining Pyramid*)

Step Pyramid – the oldest pyramid



- The first pyramid - the Step Pyramid near (Memphis)
- It was built for the Pharaoh Djoser. (2667-2648BC)
- It was built by the architect, Imhotep
- The Step pyramid has six tiers
- the pyramid may have been designed to serve as a means to magically launch the deceased pharaoh's soul directly into the abode of the gods.

Interesting facts!

- 1. The pyramids were known as; 'The Houses of Eternity' (**ВЕЧНОСТЬ**).
- 2. Magical pyramid text promised death and disaster to anyone who tried to plunder them.
- 3. Pharaohs sarcophagus was placed inside the burial chamber facing West.
- 4. Pyramids were only built for Pharaohs, unlike they were also built for rich people (members of the royal family)
- 5. There is no documentation showing precisely how pyramids were built

