

Daily Life in Ancient Egypt

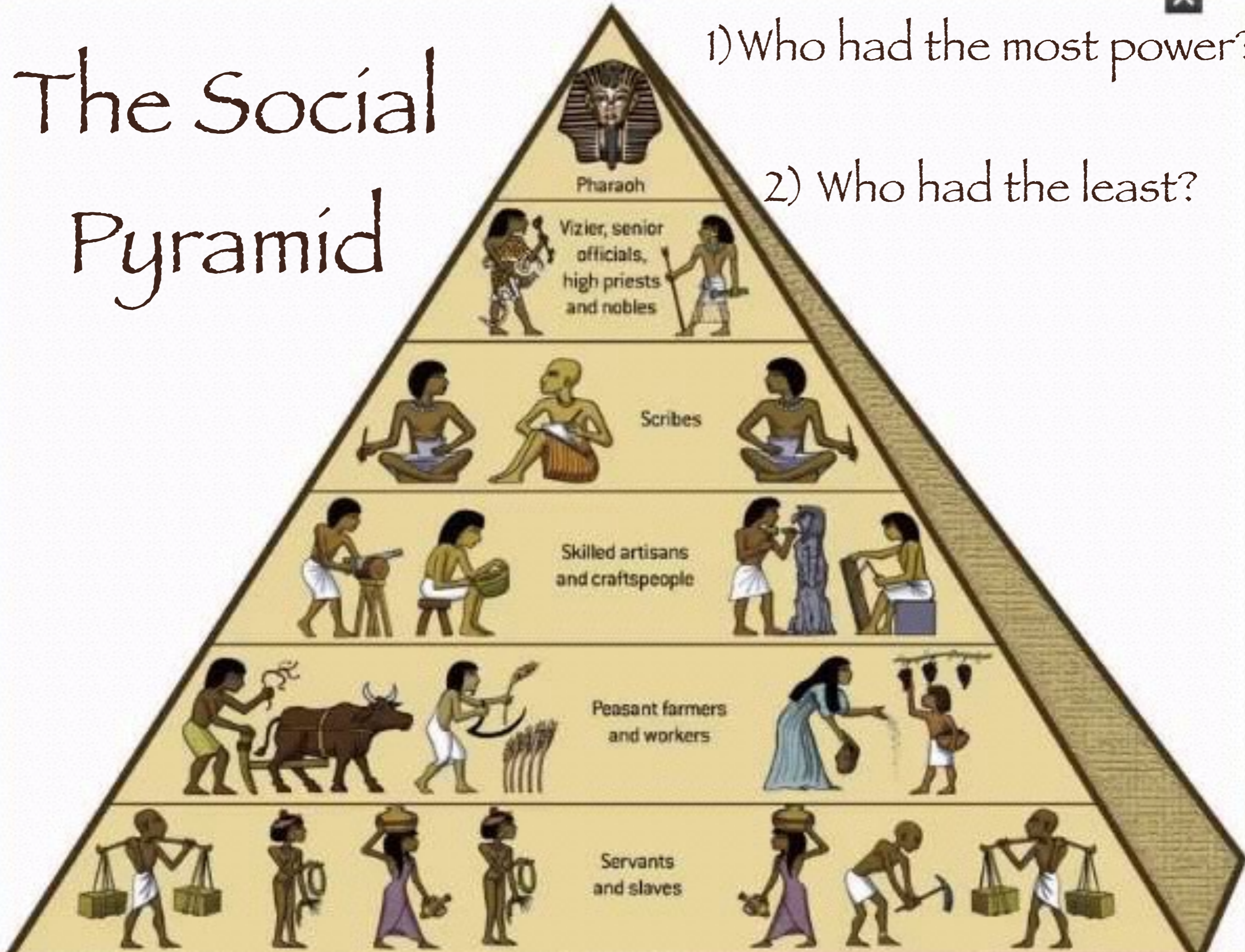


6th Grade Social Studies - Ms. Luna - 11/2014

The Social Pyramid

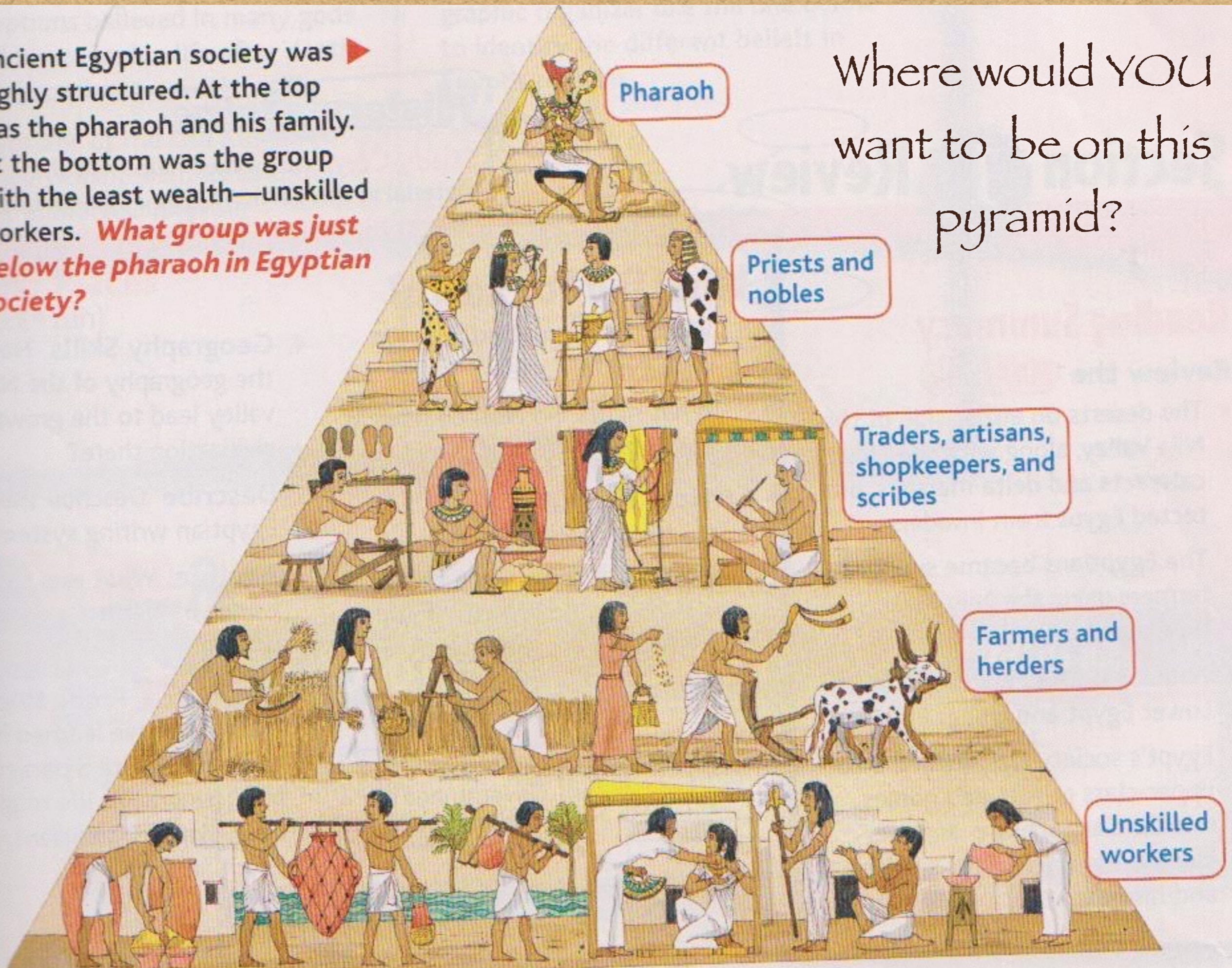
1) Who had the most power?

2) Who had the least?



Ancient Egyptian society was highly structured. At the top was the pharaoh and his family. At the bottom was the group with the least wealth—unskilled workers. **What group was just below the pharaoh in Egyptian society?**

Where would YOU want to be on this pyramid?



Pharaohs: Rulers of Egypt

The big slopes are almost finished now. When we know how to make artificial snow the ski tourists will come in thousands.



Pharaohs were kings and queens of Ancient Egypt

Duties of a Pharaoh in Ancient Egypt

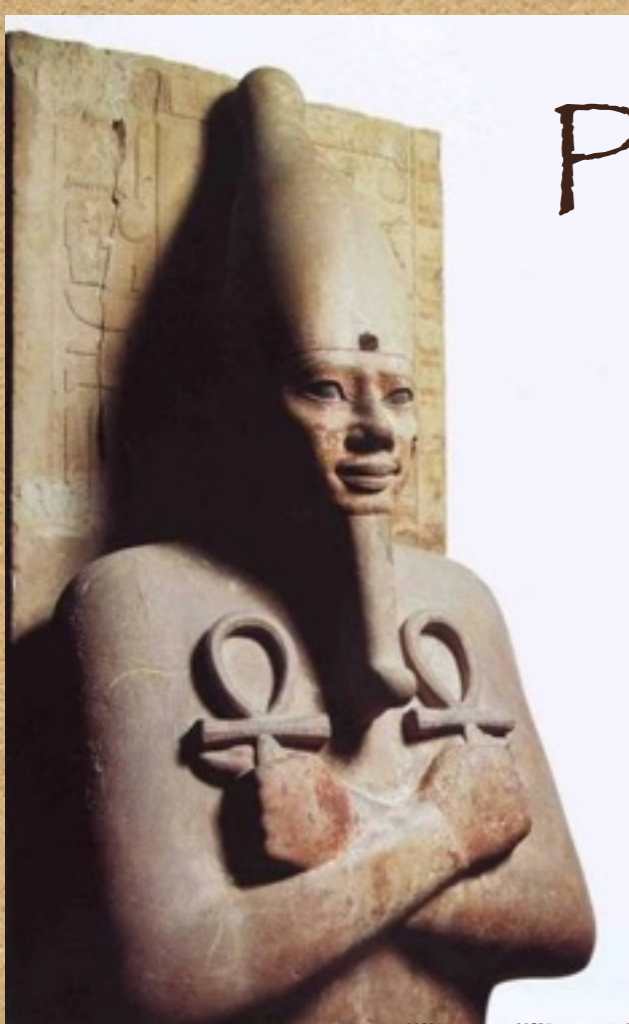
They were in charge of EVERYTHING

They were the political and religious leaders of their time

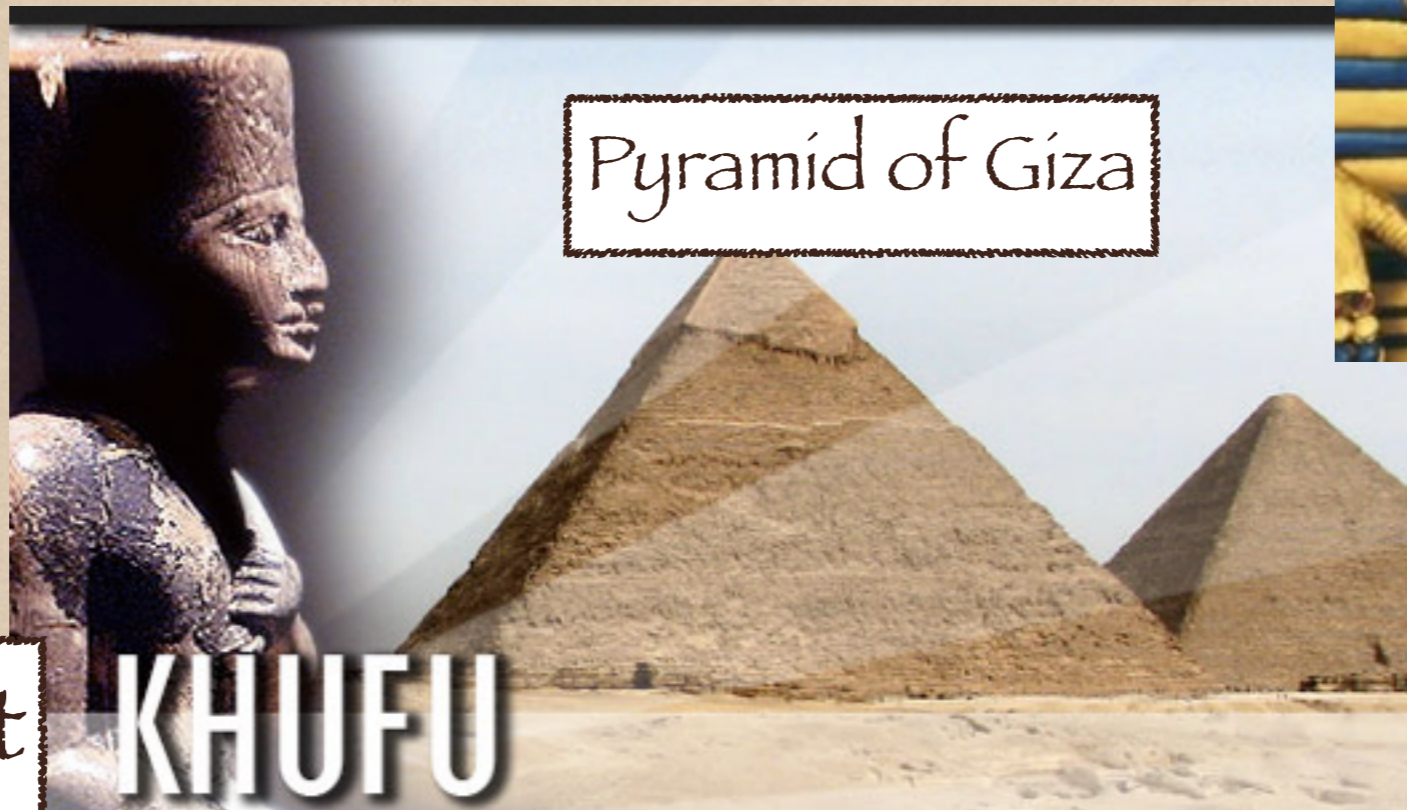
The pharaoh had to feed his people, and, being a god on earth, during some time periods in ancient Egypt, he was seen as being in control of the fertilizing floods of the Nile.



Pharaohs of Egypt



King Senusret



Pyramid of Giza

KHUFU



King Tut



“Ramses the Great”

Queen
Hatshepsut



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



Under Pharaoh, they were powerful & rich.

Most “nobles” were born into their class; some rose to power.

3 Main officials:

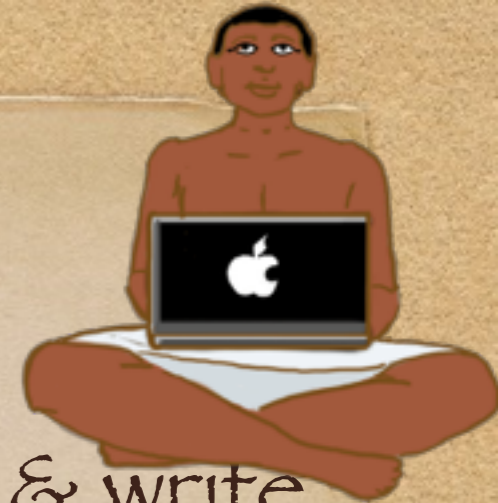
Vizier: Chief Judge & pharaoh’s “right-hand” advisor

Chief Treasurer: Managed wealth & taxes (food/animals)

Military Commander: General of armies protected borders from invaders & made alliances with other kingdoms



Scribes (Recorders)

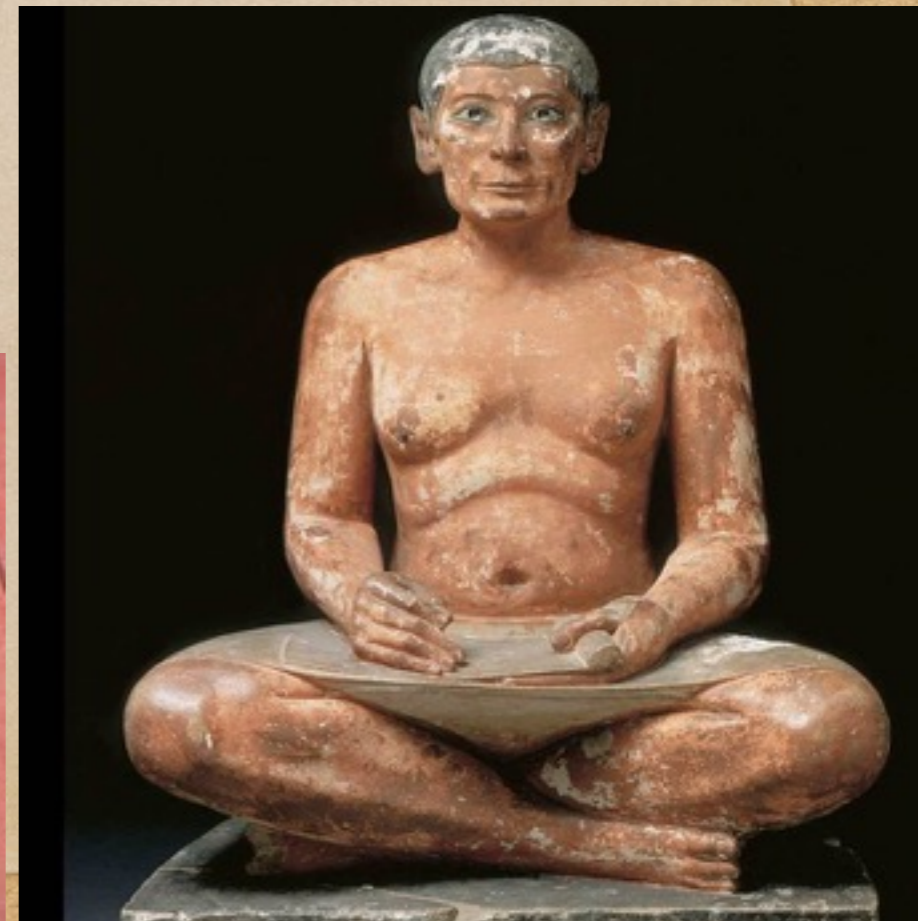


A small, elite group of Egyptians who could read & write.

They wrote in hieroglyphics:

- Important historical events & descriptions of daily life;
- Contracts, taxes, laws & medical procedures
- Magic spells & family trees

Tools: Wooden palette, brushes, reed pens & roll of papyrus paper.





Priests & Priestesses: Spiritual Leaders



Priests' special role: Only priests could enter sacred temples, where Egyptians believed the gods lived. Citizens could pray outside the gate or to Pharaoh (considered 'god-like'). They care **ONLY** for the gods/goddesses.



Daily Ritual: High priest breaks the temple's seal, lights a torch for the god, says prayers, lights incense, washes the solid-gold statue, offers fresh clothing, jewels, food, drink, and sings hymns of praise. As they exit, they sweep their footprints away and seal the sacred shrine again.



Egyptian Burial Ceremony

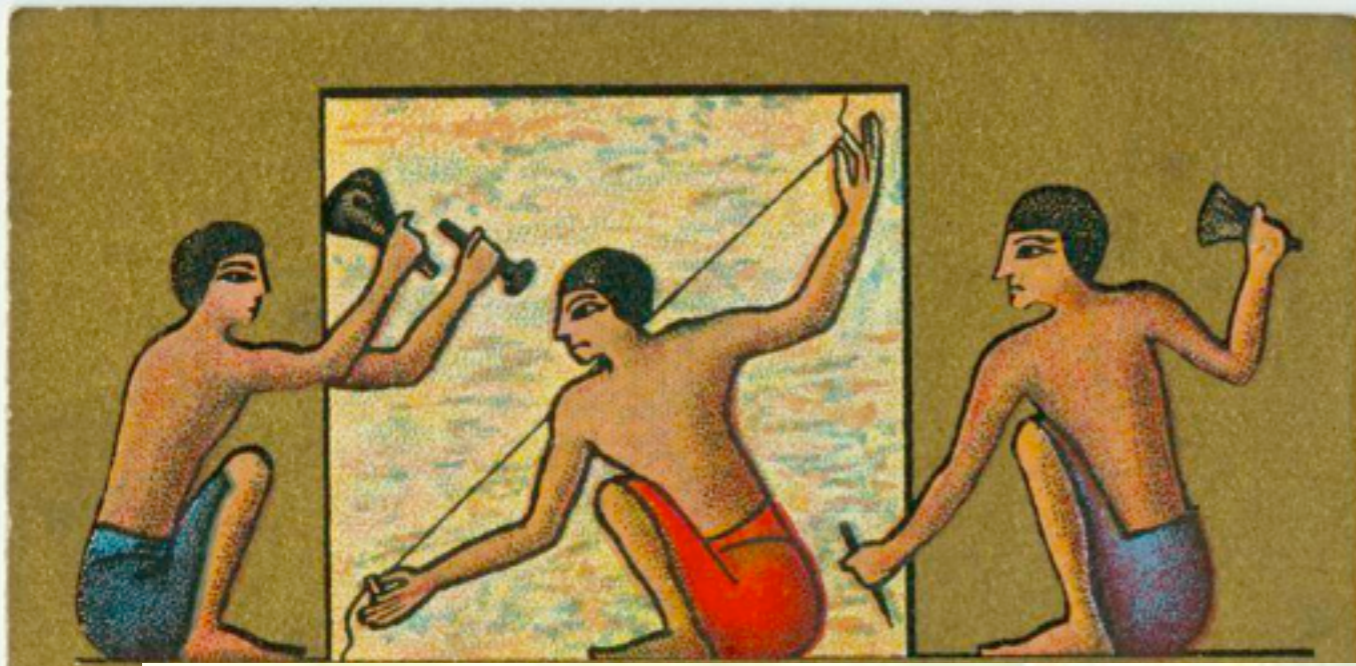


Why could women be priestesses,
but NOT Scribes?!



Artisans & Skilled Workers

Artisans are skilled craftspeople who make art and objects by hand.



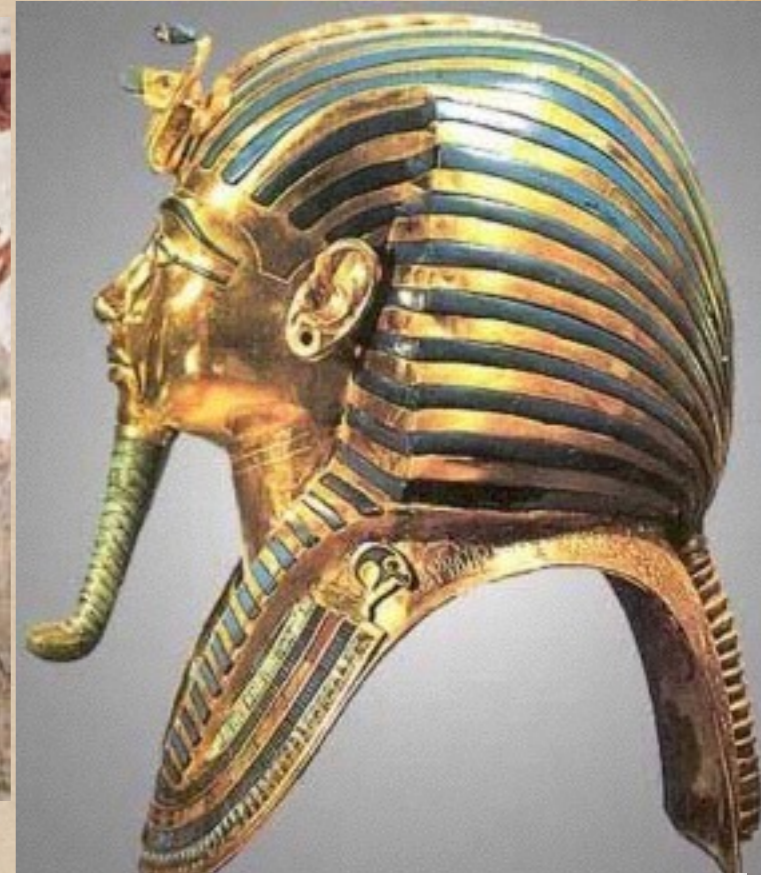
What did Artisans make?

Furniture, metal-work, jewelery, paintings, sculptures, pottery & woven clothing. Stone carvers were the most skilled, engraving in temples & tombs, creating huge statues and monuments like the pyramids.

Despite their talent & hard work, they were poor & low-class, and were not recognized for their work

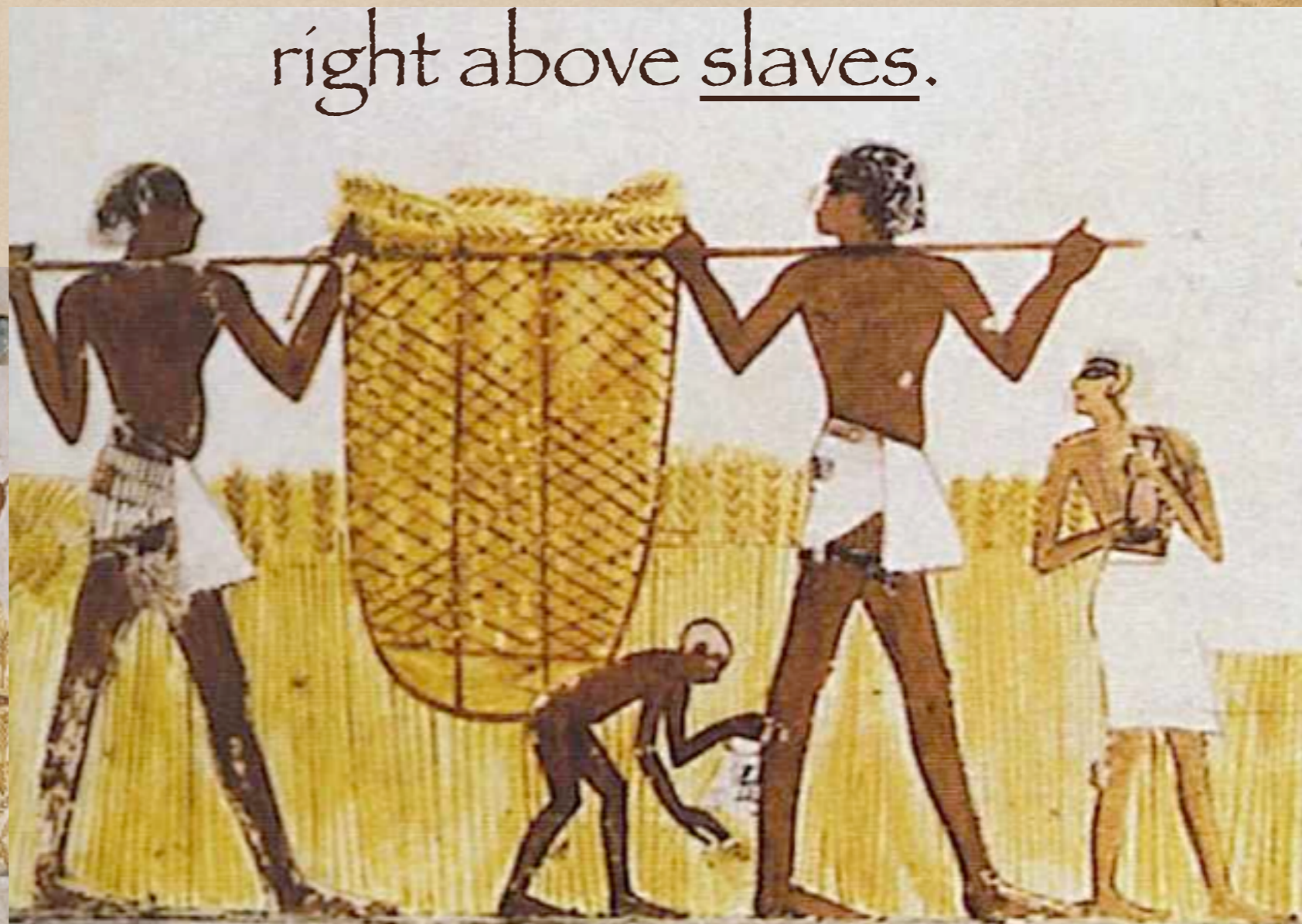


Art, Jewelry & Skilled Work



Peasants & Farmers

Peasants and farmers served the upper classes - they were at the lowest level of the social pyramid, right above slaves.

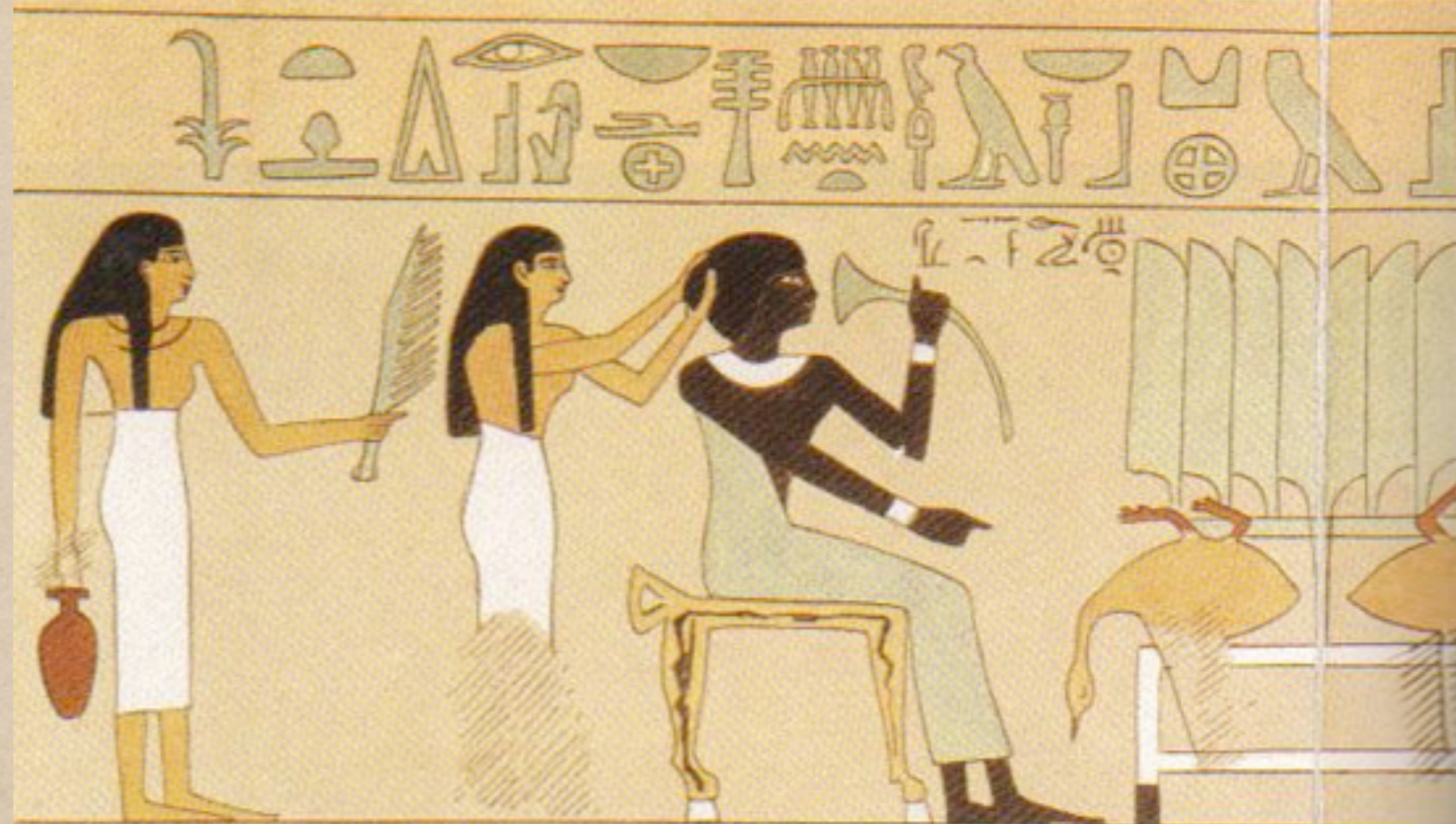


Peasants & Farmers

Though construction laborers built monuments & pyramids for pharaoh, & farmers grew the food, peasants were very poor. They lived in simple, mud-brick houses & ate papyrus to avoid starvation, while pharaoh & the upper classes feasted & relaxed.



Servants & Slaves: The lowest class



Slaves became slaves by...

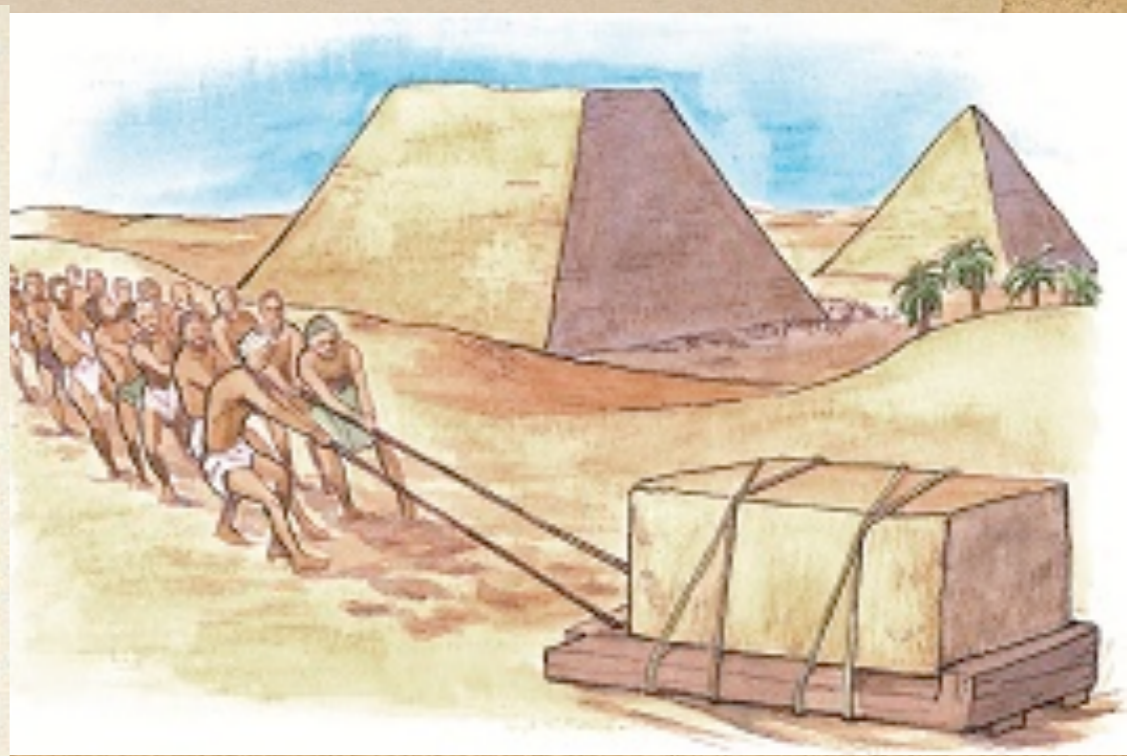
Being BORN into slavery, or as a CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT.

Being SOLD for debts, or SELLING THEMSELVES to escape poverty.

WAR — conquered people became pharaoh's property

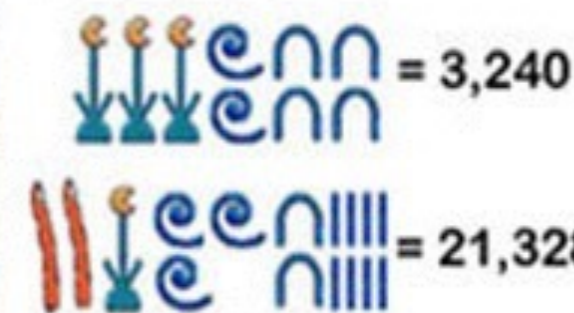
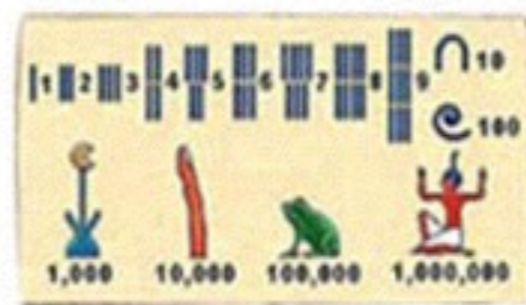
CAPTURED travelers, women & other victims kidnapped & sold

VOLUNTEERING to serve in royal palaces for safety & security.



Write your name in Hieroglyphics!

























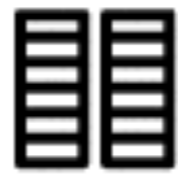

Egyptian Hieroglyphic Alphabet
















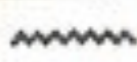

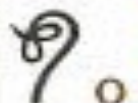






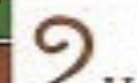







“Miss Luna” in Hieroglyphics->



ANCIENT EGYPT HIEROGLYPHICS

						
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
						
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
						
O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
						
V	W	X	Y	Z		

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