

# Ancient Egyptians

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#### All about the artist

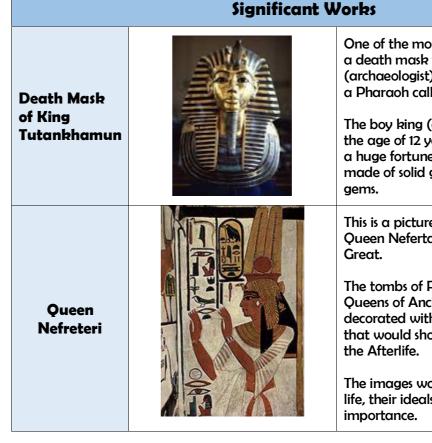
The Ancient Egyptians decorated the walls of the pyramids and palaces with images depicting their way of life. They often created artwork on papyrus (made from the reeds that grew on the banks of the River Nile).

Humans and animals are always drawn showing a side view of their faces and black ink is used to highlight each feature as a border. Inks made from a variety of sources in nature were used to create the colour palette of red, yellow, green, blue, browns and black. Gold leaf was also used to show wealth.

Different colors had symbolic meanings, like blue and green for growth, black for royalty, and gold for gods. The size of figures in artwork also indicated their importance







### **Styles and Techniques**

Symbolism and Ceremony: Art served to maintain cosmic order and was deeply intertwined with religious beliefs. often creating a symbolic language to convey power and beliefs, according to Egypt Tours Portal.

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Hieroglyphs, a complex form of writing, were used extensively in art and architecture to express stories and convey meaning.

#### **Stylized Figures:**

Figures were often depicted in a stylized, non-naturalistic manner, with heads and legs shown in profile and torsos from the front, as described by RSC Education and Wikipedia.

Symmetry and Balance: A strong sense of symmetry and balance was used to reflect the harmonious order of the universe.

Size Hierarchy: The size of figures indicated their relative importance in the social order.





Step 2: Draw in pencil a side profile of a man/woman with shoulders and tops of the arm in the style of Ancient Egyptians.



What will be outcome?

background to mimic style of papyrus/use papyrus style backing paper.

Things you'll need: Papyrus printed/thick paper, ochre paint, black ink, 2B pencil



One of the most notable pieces of art is a death mask found by Howard Carter (archaeologist) within a hidden tomb of a Pharaoh called Tutankhamun.

The boy king (as he was known) died at the age of 12 years but was buried with a huge fortune. His death mask was made of solid gold and encrusted with

This is a picture on a tomb wall of Oueen Nefertari, wife of Ramses the

The tombs of Pharaohs (Kings and Queens of Ancient Egypt) would be decorated with images of them from life that would show their value to those in

The images would be symbolic of their life, their ideals as well as their

Step 3: Add a headdress and neck wear, adding in details (using repetitive patterns and symmetry.)

> Step 4: Use ink to go over the image and create strong black lines.

Add in hieroglyphics to name the image.

Key Vocabulary

Portrait

Side-profile

Symmetry

**Relative** sizes

Position

Palette

Dark tones

Layer

Ink

Proportion

Shades

tone