

Shared reading: Howard Carter part 1

Howard Carter was a famous **Egyptologist** and **archaeologist**. He is most famous for discovering the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Early Life

Howard Carter was born in London on 9th May 1874. His father was an artist and taught Howard how to paint and draw. Howard's family lived near a big mansion which had a large collection of **artefacts** from ancient Egypt. Howard enjoyed looking at the artefacts so much that he decided to become an archaeologist.



Discovering Tutankhamun's Tomb

Howard was employed by a rich man called Lord Carnarvon who wanted Howard to search in the Valley of the Kings. He believed that there were undiscovered tombs of Egyptian pharaohs buried there.

Retrieval (find the answer in the text):

- What is Howard Carter most famous for?
- Who paid Howard Carter to search for undiscovered tombs in Egypt?

Vocabulary (it's new – for you):

- Which of these job titles is the correct name for someone who digs up things to find out about the past?
- Circle one**
Engineer pilot archaeologist biologist

Inference (use what YOU know and clues in the text):

- Why do you think Howard Carter decided to be an archaeologist?

archaeologist



Someone who finds out about the past by digging up objects and studying them.

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Did You Know...?

For a long time, Howard didn't find anything in the Valley of the Kings. Lord Carnarvon told him that he would stop all funding if Howard didn't find anything within the next year.



Timeline of Events

4th November 1922: Howard's water boy finds a large stone. Howard believes that this stone is the top of some stairs. Howard's team begins to dig.

26th November 1922: Lord Carnarvon arrives in Egypt and Howard makes a small hole in the wall they had found. He can see gold everywhere! He has discovered the **antechamber** of Tutankhamun.

After the Discovery

In the antechamber, Howard noticed a large door. On the 16th February 1923, he opened the door and discovered the famous burial chamber of Tutankhamun. Inside this room, there were even more gold objects, including the golden **sarcophagus** of the pharaoh, Tutankhamun. Howard Carter spent the next nine years drawing pictures of the two rooms and all of the objects inside.

Afterwards, the objects were moved to a museum in Cairo and many of the objects can still be seen in the museum today.

When Lord Carnarvon asked Howard Carter what he could see in the tomb, Howard replied, "Wonderful things."



Retrieval (find the answer in the text):

- When did Howard's water boy find a large stone?

Vocabulary (it's new – for you):

- Which word did Howard Carter use to describe what he could see in the tomb? Circle one.
excellent wonderful magnificent horrifying

Think of another synonym for the word you have chosen.

- What is a sarcophagus?

Inference (use what YOU know and clues in the text):

- What do you think Howard Carter was thinking when he saw all the objects inside the tomb?

sarcophagus



A wood or stone box,
similar to a coffin, in
which a dead person
would be placed.