

Howard Carter

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. When he was young, Howard spent a lot of time with his family near Norfolk. They lived very close to 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 when he grew up.

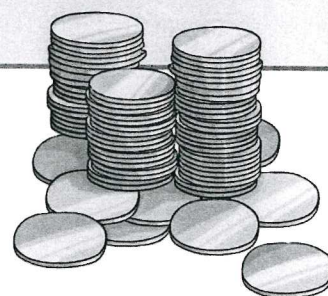


Discovering Tutankhamun's Tomb

When he had been working as an archaeologist for several years, Howard was employed by a rich man called Lord Carnarvon. Lord Carnarvon wanted Howard to search in the Valley of the Kings. He believed that there were undiscovered tombs of Egyptian pharaohs buried there.

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

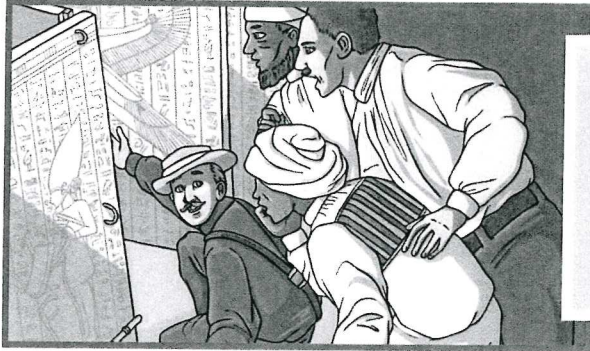
4th November 1922: Howard's water boy finds a large stone. Howard believes that this stone is the top of some stairs. Howard's team begins to dig.

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. Being careful not to damage any of the objects, Howard worked on opening it. 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. 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."

Did You Know...?

The chisel that Howard used to make the first hole in the wall of the antechamber was a 17th birthday present from his grandmother!

Glossary

antechamber: A small room leading to a main room.

archaeologist: A person who studies human history by uncovering sites and looking at artefacts.

artefacts: Objects made by a human being that are usually of historical interest.

Egyptologist: A person who studies the language, history and culture of ancient Egypt.

sarcophagus: A decorated coffin.

Questions

1. Number the events below to show they order that they happened. The first one has been done for you.

- Howard Carter discovers the antechamber.
- Howard Carter's water boy finds a large stone.
- Howard Carter discovers the burial chamber.
- 1 Howard Carter learns to paint and draw.

2. Which word did Howard Carter use to describe what he could see in the tomb? Tick one.

- excellent
- wonderful
- magnificent
- horrifying

3. What famous object was inside the burial chamber that Howard Carter opened? Tick one.

- Howard Carter's drawings
- a chisel
- a golden goblet
- Tutankhamun's sarcophagus

4. Draw lines to match each person with their action. One has been done for you.

Howard Carter	●	gave Howard a chisel for his birthday
Lord Carnarvon	●	opened the door to the burial chamber
Howard's water boy	●	paid Howard to search for a tomb
Howard's grandmother	●	discovered a large stone

5. Where can you still see objects from the tomb today?

6. Fill in the missing words.

Howard Carter was born in _____ but spent a lot of time with his family near

7. How do you think that Howard Carter felt when he first saw the tomb?
