

# Great Pyramid of Giza

## SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD



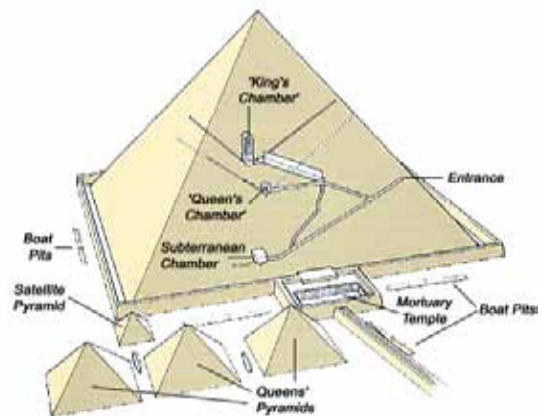
No one ever liked a good funeral more than the pharaohs of Ancient Egypt. For them, death wasn't supposed to be scary or sad—death led to the afterlife, and the afterlife for pharaohs was pretty unbeatable in terms of luxury and entertainment. Egyptian Pharaoh Khufu started planning for his death early in his reign. He ordered his people to build a massive pyramid that would serve as a burial chamber for himself, his wives, his pets and his treasure. Presumably, such a wonderful structure would help his transition to the fun afterlife.



The Great Pyramid of Giza was completed around 2540 BC, making it the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the World. In the thousands of years since its creation, the pyramid has experienced some understandable wear and tear. The smooth outer surface has been ripped away, and thieves have looted, or stolen, almost all its treasure.

Why do you think Pharaoh Khufu's pyramid included rooms for his pets?

Do you think that you would like to spend years of your life building a big pyramid for someone else? Why do you think the Ancient Egyptian people did what Khufu wanted?



### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

The Great Pyramid of Giza is the only remaining member of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.