

Identifying Facts: Hatshepsut



In non-fiction, all the information in the writing must be true. A piece of true information is called a *fact*.

Read the passage about Hatshepsut and find three facts.

Hatshepsut was a queen in ancient Egypt. She ruled Egypt for over 20 years, and the country thrived under her leadership.

Egypt's leaders were called pharaohs (*fare-ohs*). Hatshepsut was born around 1508 B.C to a pharaoh named Thutmose I. Only sons were allowed to become pharaohs. When Thutmose I died, power was passed to her half-brother, Thutmose II. 15 years later, Thutmose II died. Normally, this would have meant Hatshepsut's stepson, Thutmose III, would have become pharaoh, but he was only a baby. She took over as pharaoh while her son was a child. In the years that followed, she became a powerful leader.

While she was pharaoh, she decided to look the part. She wore traditional king's clothing, even a fake beard! Under her power, Egypt grew and grew. The arts flourished, new buildings were built, and voyages to other lands were carried out. New trade routes were started and the country made lots of money. She was a peaceful leader.

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