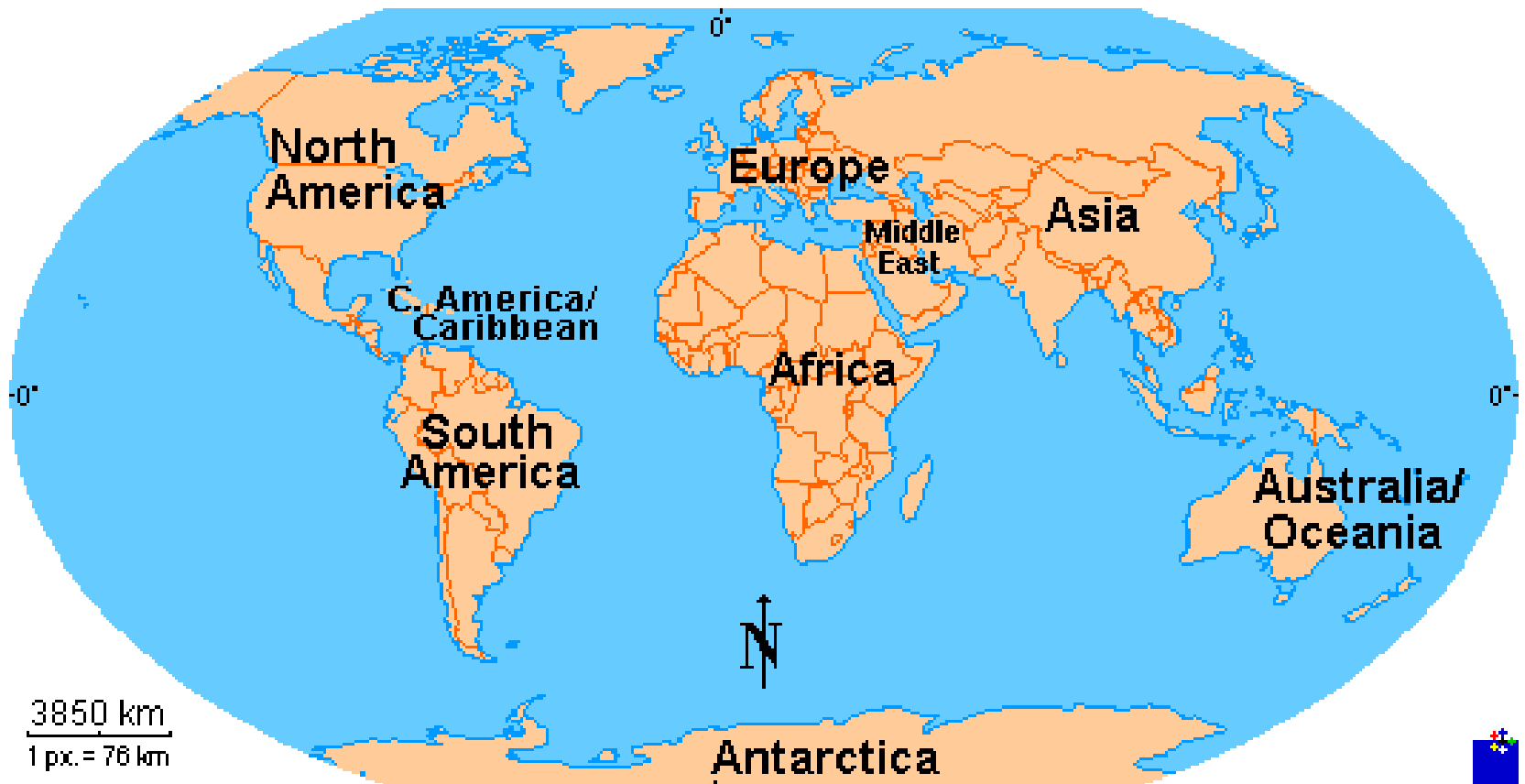




# Where is Egypt?





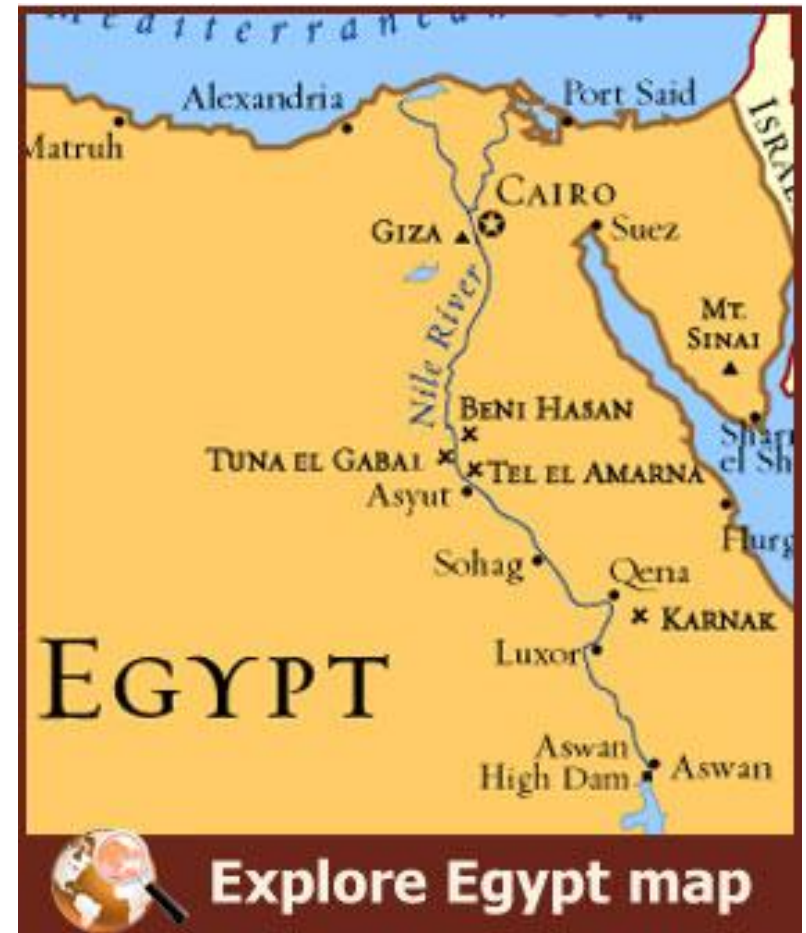
# Egypt

- Most people in Africa of any country (82M)
- 15<sup>th</sup> most populous in the world
- Longest history of any modern state
- Ancient civilization was very advanced
- Created much influence in art and culture



# Close Up of Egypt

- Capital today is Cairo
- Size of Texas and California combined
- People live in cities along the Nile river
- Official Language : Arabic





# The Pyramids



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- Kings built as tombs
- Each stone weighed as much as a car
- 40 stories high!
- Carried by hand

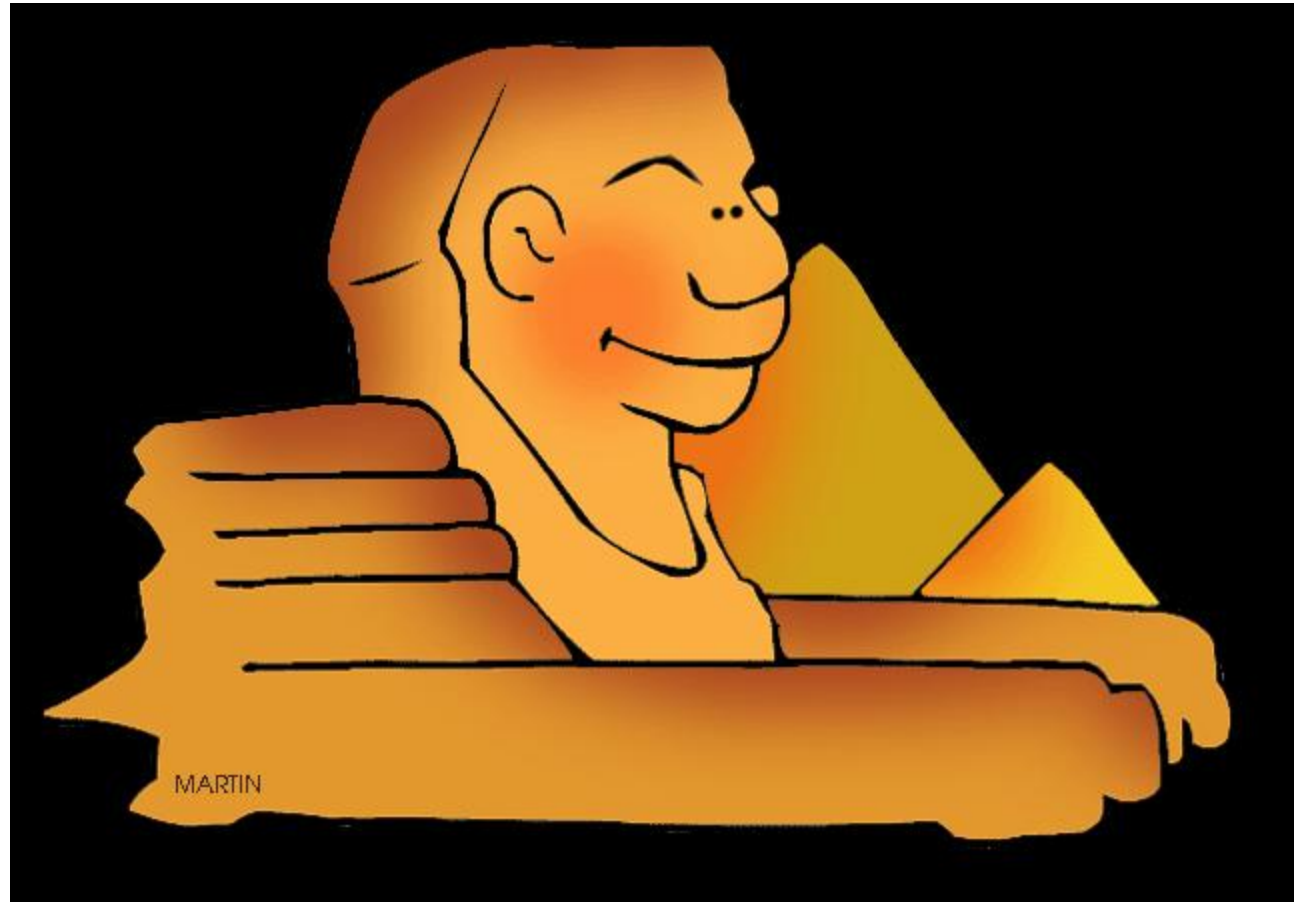


# Giza – still exists





# The Sphinx

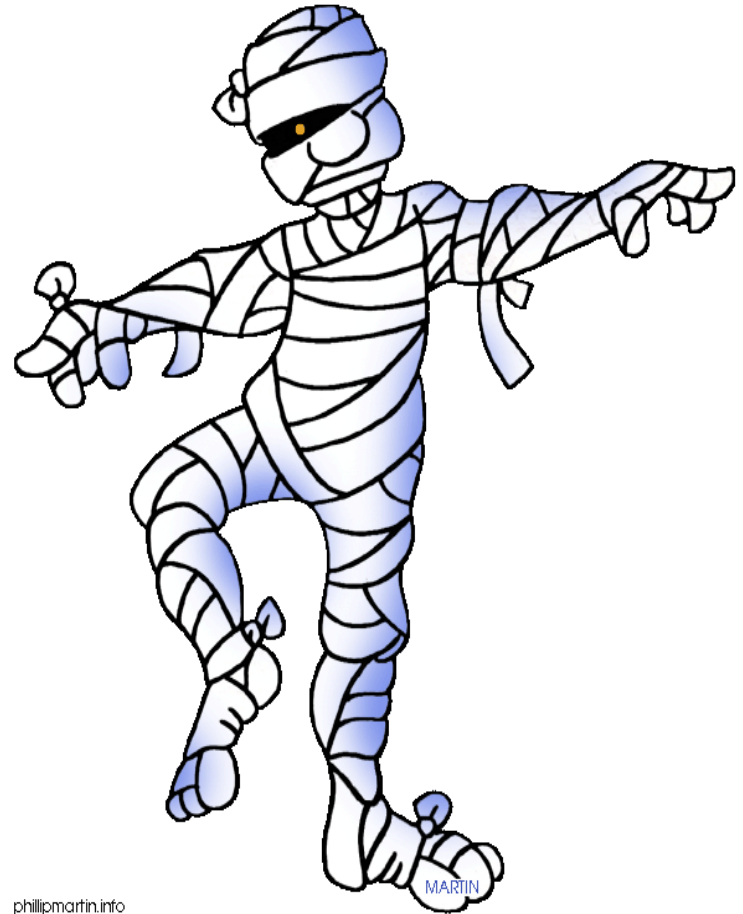


Protects the tombs of kings: wisdom and strength



# The Tombs / Mummies

- Rich people were “mummified” it was very expensive
- Buried so that when you reached the next world, you would have all your riches with you

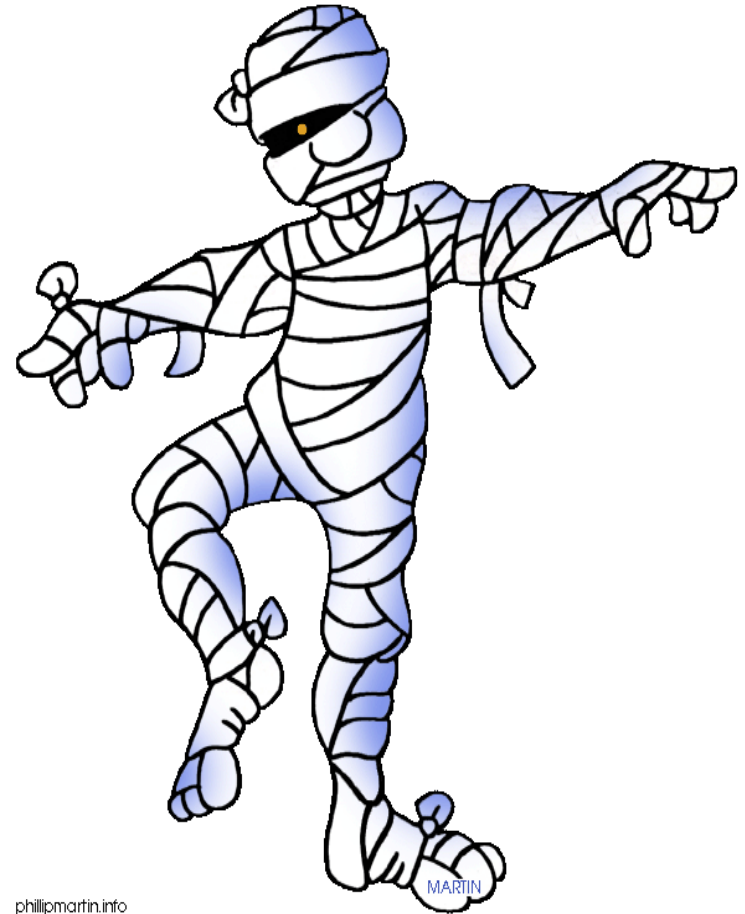


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# The Tombs / Mummies

- Because Egypt is a very dry place, where it hardly ever rains, the ground there is also very very dry.
- When you bury people in such dry ground, they gradually dry up and turn into mummies.



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# The People

Men

Women



- farmers
- Lived in mud houses
- Wore jewelry
- Ate fruit and nuts



# Art in Africa

- 10,000 BC - carvings of giraffes and other animals on stones in the Sahara desert.
- 7500 BC - Egyptian artists were carving on rocks, especially in Upper Egypt.
- 3000 BC – hieroglyphs were created rock walls with drawings with stone and paint









# Language grew...from scratch!

- Drawings of familiar objects, simplified to make them easier to draw.
- At first people just drew a dog or a house or a sheep; *for example some early writing is just a picture of a sheep with five lines by it to mean "five sheep."*
- Then people began to combine pictures for meaning *For example so that a picture of a sheep means the sound "sh" and can be combined with a picture of an owl "hoot" to mean the word "shoot," for example (only in Egyptian of course, not in English really!).*



# Writing on rocks...to paper

- Used papyrus - a plant that grows wild all over the [Nile river valley](#), very common in Egypt.
- Cut the long stalks
- Soak them in water until they rot a little,
- Lay a lot of these stalks next to each other, on top, crossways to the first ones,
- Pound them flat, until all the stalks get mashed into all the other ones
- Voila!! PAPER!


































# Hieroglyphs

- Means "sacred drawings" in Greek to express themselves
- 3000 BC to about 300 AD .
- The Greeks conquered Egypt under Alexander the Great, people began to use the Greek alphabet to write the Egyptian language.
- After hieroglyphs were only used for religious things and art that were too holy for the ordinary Greek alphabet, which is why they are called "sacred-drawings."
- By 300 AD, as people converted to Christianity, there was no longer any religious use for hieroglyphs, and they went out of use altogether.



# HIEROGLYPHIC ALPHABET

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A		H		N		U	
B		I		O		V	
C	 or 	J		P		W	
D		K		Q		X	 
E	 or  or 	L		R		Y	 or 
F		M		S		Z	
G		T		SH	