

TUTANKHAMUN



Aim

- I can understand how evidence can give us different answers about the past.

Success Criteria

- I can use different sources to build a picture of events.
- I can raise questions about where the sources came from and why they were created.
- I can retell the key events of the Tutankhamun discovery story.
- I can imagine that I am Howard Carter, writing a diary in the 1920s.

Who Was Tutankhamun?



Open your mystery source.

1. What does your source tell you?

Write down three things that you now know from examining your source.

2. Why do you think it was written (or photographed)?

Ask two questions about why somebody created your source.

Source 4

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"Can you see anything?"

It was all I could do to get out the words,

"Yes, wonderful things!"

Howard Carter, 1923.



Source 1

GOLD CASED MUMMY OF TUTANKHAMUN IS FOUND IN COFFIN

Opening of the sarcophagus reveals Pharaoh as he was laid to rest 3,300 years ago.

Spectacle is dazzling.

Coffin is covered in gold and is a beautiful and artistic likeness of the king.

It has crown and sceptre.

Arms repose across his breast and faded wreath of olive leaves still remains on his head.

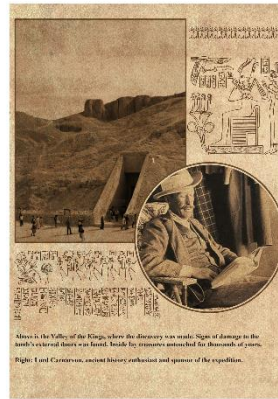
The Times Newspaper.

Glossary

Sarcophagus - a coffin	Pharaoh - ancient Egyptian ruler (king)
Cosmos - enormous	Sceptre - usually decorative stick

Subject to look at

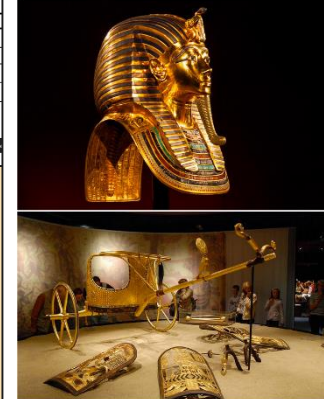
Source 2



Below is the Valley of the Kings, where the discovery was made. Signs of damage to the tomb's exterior were seen here. Inside the tomb, the mummy was found in a coffin of gold.

Right: Lord Carnarvon, archaeologist and sponsor of the expedition.

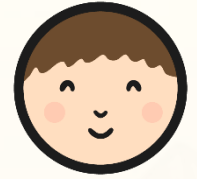
Source 3



Who Was Tutankhamun?

What type of source did you have?	What does the source tell you?	Why do you think it was written (or photographed)?
Source 1: Newspaper article	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3,300 year old sarcophagus• Beautiful• Crown and sceptre	It was written for the British people to read.
Source 2: Newspaper pictures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A tomb was found• The tomb was guarded• Lord Carnarvon led the dig	It was written to show people the environment where the tomb was found.
Source 3: Photographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The objects from the tomb were covered in gold• There was a range of types of objects found• Tutankhamun must have been important	These photographs were taken to show the world how wealthy the pharaoh must have been.
Source 4: Diary or recount	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was dark in the chamber• Howard Carter found animals, statues and gold• Howard Carter could see “wonderful things”	It was written to retell the events of the discovery from the writer’s point of view.

Tutankhamun



Finish this sentence with your own ideas, based on what you have found out.

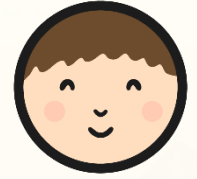
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Facts. Do yours match?

**Tutankhamun's burial place
was discovered in 1922 by
Mr Howard Carter.**

**Tutankhamun was an
ancient Egyptian pharaoh.**

**Tutankhamun was found
with an olive wreath on his
head.**

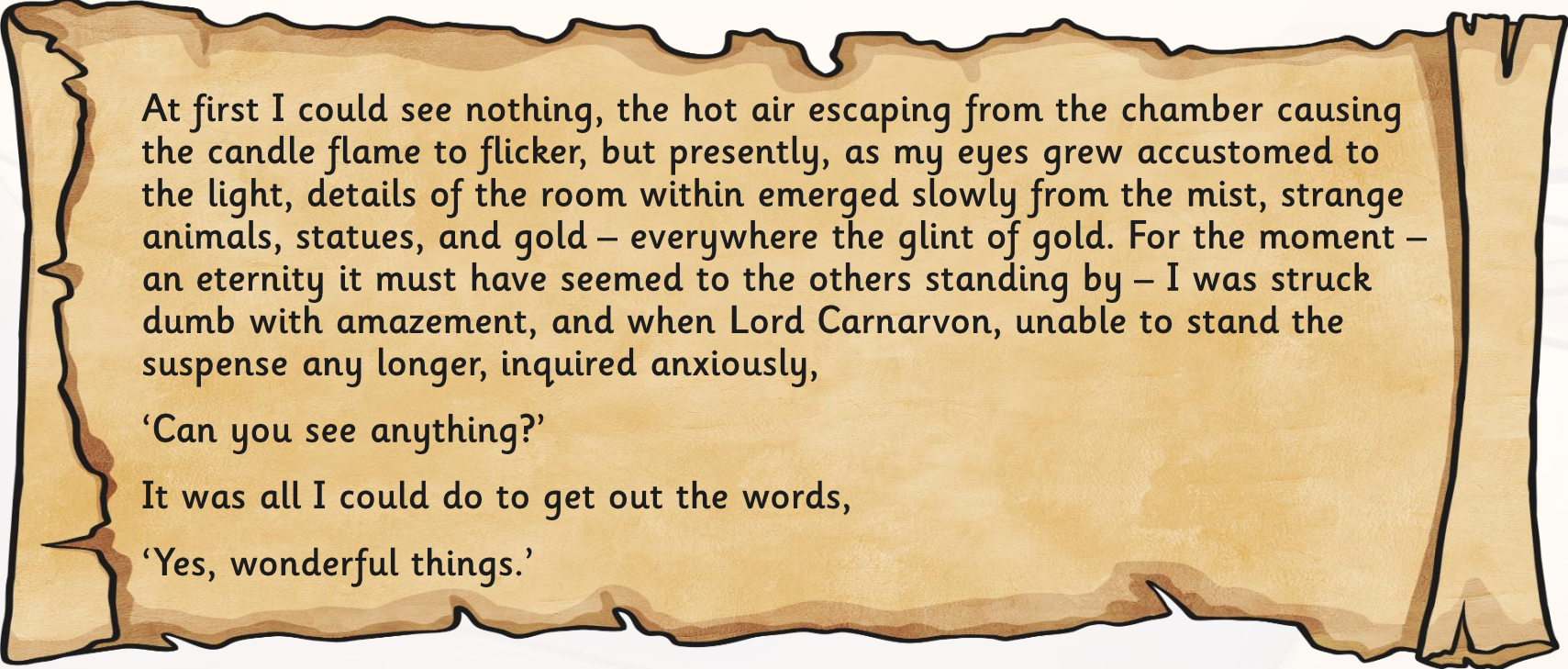
**Tutankhamun was found
surrounded by many golden
objects.**

“Yes, Wonderful Things.”

You are the excited archaeologist, Howard Carter.

You are going to be writing a diary entry, explaining the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

Here is an example of Howard Carter's own diary (source 4) describing the event...



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Hotseat the following characters:

Howard Carter, Lord Carnarvon, an Egyptian assistant at the scene.

The use the **Egyptian Diary Activity Sheets** to complete your diary entry.

The image shows three overlapping 'Egyptian Diary' activity sheets. Each sheet has a title 'Egyptian Diary' and a sub-instruction 'Write a diary as if you are Howard Carter.' The sheets are designed for a role-play exercise where students write diary entries from the perspective of Howard Carter. The sheets are arranged in a way that shows different parts of the form, including a list of instructions, a 'Dear Diary' salutation, and a large area for writing the diary entry. The sheets are titled 'Egyptian Diary' and 'Write a diary as if you are Howard Carter.' The instructions on the sheets are: 1. Describe the atmosphere - how were people feeling and how could you tell? 2. Explain how you had found out about the tomb. 3. Describe the reaction to the treasure found. 4. Why is this discovery so important? The sheets also have a 'Dear Diary' salutation and a large area for writing the diary entry. The sheets are titled 'Egyptian Diary' and 'Write a diary as if you are Howard Carter.' The instructions on the sheets are: 1. Describe the atmosphere - how were people feeling and how could you tell? 2. Explain how you had found out about the tomb. 3. Describe the reaction to the treasure found. 4. Why is this discovery so important? The sheets also have a 'Dear Diary' salutation and a large area for writing the diary entry.

Opening the Tomb



The Derby Daily Telegraph wrote:

“When at last, the excavators managed to squeeze their way in, an extraordinary sight met their eyes...”

What could these men have been thinking at this moment? Answer on a whiteboard.

