

A photograph of an archaeologist with grey hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, using a small metal tool to carefully clean a stone head of a sphinx. The sphinx is partially buried in a sandy, reddish-brown soil. The background shows more of the excavation site with similar soil textures.

The world this week
Smiling sphynx

Where are we this week?

This country begins with an 'E'

It has the longest river in the world!

It's in Africa, near Sudan.



It is Egypt!

It's on the Mediterranean Sea and has a population of 109.3 million.

Its capital city is Cairo

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Why is Egypt in the news?

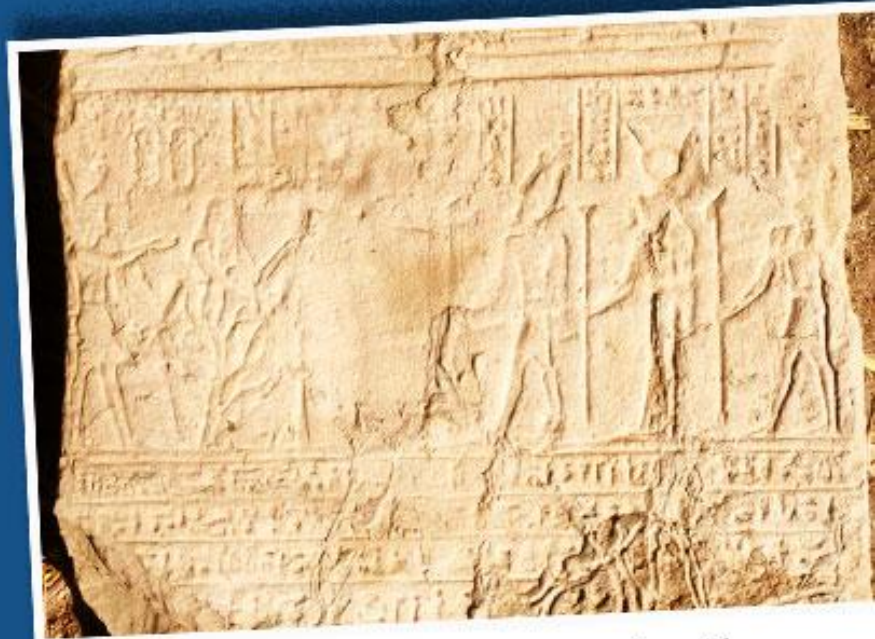
Because a mysterious sphinx statue was discovered inside an ancient tomb...



...it has a smiley face and dimples!

Sphinx statues have a lion's body with a human head and usually depict pharaohs. But it's very rare for them to be smiling!

To learn more about this statue and who it was made for...



...scientists will study the markings inside the tomb!

Over to you!

Using the world map, where is Egypt in relation to the Tropics and Equator? What do you think the climate is like?



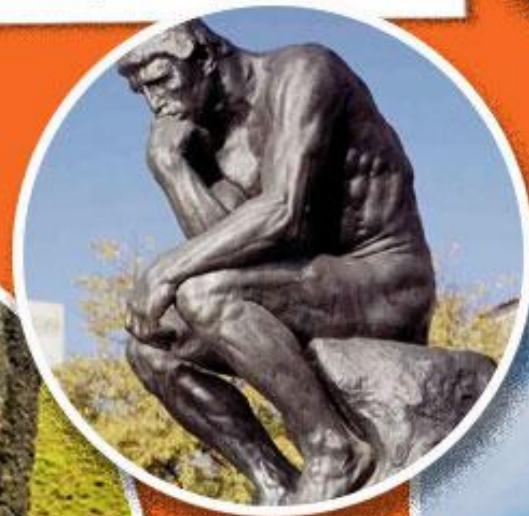
Do you know any facts about Egypt?



Do we need to learn more about ancient art? Why/why not?

Over to you!

Why do people build statues? Who or what do they usually depict?



Thank you!

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