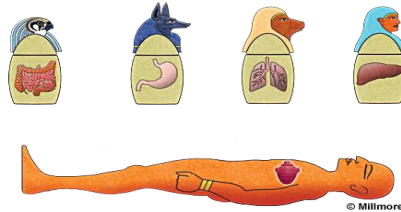


Preparing the mummy

In Ancient Egypt, after a person had died their body was washed in water from the River Nile. Their liver, lungs, stomach and intestines were taken out and dried. The organs were then placed in canopic jars.



The body was then dried and wrapped in layers of bandages. Amulets and jewels were put into the bandages.

Once the body was inside the sarcophagus it would be placed into a burial chamber alongside the canopic jars, food and other possessions. The walls of the burial chamber were then decorated with paintings, hieroglyphics and magic spells.



Questions:

1. Where did they get the water for washing the bodies?
2. Which 4 organs were removed and put in canopic jars?
3. How many canopic jars were there?
4. What did they do with the bandages?
5. What was the body placed into before being put in the burial chamber?
6. How were the walls of the burial chamber decorated?
7. If you were an Ancient Egyptian, what items would you want placed alongside you in your burial chamber?