

Interview Harold Carter English archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun, ancient Egypt's most famous mummy. The excavation was sponsored by Lord Carnarvon. Having worked at the site of the supposed tomb for several years, Carnarvon told Howard Carter in 1922 that he would only continue paying for the excavation for one more season of digging. Carter was under a lot of pressure to make a breakthrough. The breakthrough finally came in November 1922, when a member of Carter's excavation team discovered a stone step in the sand. The step led to another, and another. The team had uncovered a flight of steps leading down to the tomb! The small hole that Carter made using a chisel through the mud-plastered doorway resulted in some of the most famous words in archaeological history: Lord Carnarvon asked "Can you see anything?", and Howard Carter replied with the words: "Yes, wonderful things!" When the tomb was opened, it was found to be packed full of incredible treasures, including the iconic gold and blue funeral mask. In total, nearly 5,400 items were recovered from Tutankhamun's tomb; a process that took around ten years to complete due to the careful cataloguing of every object. The wealth in the tomb included everything that a king would need in his afterlife: wine jars (some still containing wine), gold statues, funeral beds, linen underwear, all of the parts to make up four chariots, and much more!

You will research the tomb's discovery using the internet or other resources. Come up with questions you have about King Tut or mummies in general. You should come up with at least 10 questions.

You will be creating a newspaper or blog article about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Begin by coming up with a good catchy headline. You want people to read your article or blog, so the headline is very important as it should catch the readers' attention and make them want to read more.

Example headlines for this story could include:

Mummy's the Word!

Thrilling Discovery in Egyptian Desert

Golden Moment for English Archaeologist

Tomb of Tremendous Treasure

Carefully plan your article before writing it. What facts are important to include? Are there any quotes that could make the story more interesting? Look at how newspaper articles are structured. Often the most important facts are in the first paragraph – the 'what', 'why', 'when', 'where' and 'how' of the story.