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**Egypt: Life in the Old Kingdom**

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| **Main Topic** | **Details** |
| Early Pharaohs | * The pharaohs were both kings and gods. * Pharaohs managed Egypt for the gods. * If anything went wrong, the people would blame the pharaohs. * Khufu was the most famous Pharaoh in the old kingdom. |
| Society & Trade | * As the population grew, social classes appeared. * Social order was pharaoh, nobles, scribes and craftspeople, farmers/servants/slaves. * Egypt traded with its neighbors for gold, copper, ivory, slaves, and stone from the south, and wood from Syria. |
| Gods of Egypt | * Egyptians practiced polytheism * Egyptian officials expected everyone to worship the same gods. * Built temples to the gods and collected payments. * Had gods for everything including sun, sky, earth, and wisdom. * Gods made up of animal and human forms. |
| Afterlife & Burial | * Believed the afterlife was a happy place. * Stemmed from ka, or a person’s life force. * The ka left the body but still remained at burial site and needed to eat, sleep, and be entertained. * Tombs were filled with needs and family members would bring food and drink. * Embalmed bodies, wrapped them in cloth (mummies), and placed in sarcophagus. * Placed organs in special jars (canopic). * Only elite was mummified. |
| Pyramids | * Pyramids were built to bury their rulers. * Largest is the great pyramid of Khufu (13 acres at its base). * Original pyramids were not smooth sided. * Used limestone. * Took as many as 100,000 people to build, paid in grain. * Debate over how they were built. * Point at the top symbolized the pharaoh’s journey to the afterlife. * Wrote magical spells and hymns on tombs. |