Ancient Egyptian Warrior (New Kingdom) 1550-1069BC

Egypt had many enemies, Hittites to the North, Nubia to the South, The Sea People and even tribes from the Libyan desert.

So it was important for the Pharaohs to have a strong army.

Some of the more important soldiers like the army commanders would have worn leather armour with bronze scales covering it and helmets. But most soldiers had pressed and wrapped linen (cloth) armour, some wore a tough shield-shaped apron hanging from their waist.

They carried shields made of wood and covered in tough leather sheets.

They also carried spears with points made of bronze and many had a deadly crooked shaped sword made of bronze called a khopesh.

Some soldiers were archers and used bows, to begin with, in the early dynasties, bows were simple and straight like longbows and later in the time of the New Kingdom the Egyptians were using a smaller and powerful re-curve bow.

<u>Can you label this Ancient</u> <u>Egyptian Warrior?</u>

Use these words to help: **Spear** (Wood with bronze tip) **Shield** (Why not add your own design?).

Shendyt (Kilt, White or cream). **Khopesh** (Bronze sword, orange or light brown)

Linen armour (white or cream or yellow colour)

Shield Apron (White or cream or yellow colour. It looks like a small shield hanging from his belt)

Nemes (Striped headcloth, use blue and yellow colours)

Why not colour in the warrior?

You don't have to stick to our colour guide. If you want to do a design on the shield, why not look up Ancient Egyptian artwork in books or online? Or you might want to use Egyptian Hieroglyphs (Picture writing).

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