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FIRST AND LAST PHARAOKS OF ANCIENT EGYPT

Most Egyptologists, people who study ancient Egypt, think that **Menes** was the first pharaoh of Egypt, and they know that **Cleopatra VII** was the last. There were about 170 pharaohs in all.



Menes - First Pharaoh of Egypt

Pharaohs were the **King or Queen of Egypt**.

Most pharaohs were men but some well-known pharaohs, such as **Nefertiti** and **Cleopatra**, were women.



Cleopatra VII - Last pharaoh of Egypt

A Pharaoh was the **most important and powerful person in the kingdom**. He was the head of the government and high priest of every temple. The people of Egypt considered **the pharaoh** to be a **half-man and half-god**.



Egypt was once **divided into two kingdoms** –

LOWER EGYPT-

The rulers of **Lower Egypt** wore the **red crown**.

UPPER EGYPT- The rulers of **Upper Egypt** wore the **white crown**

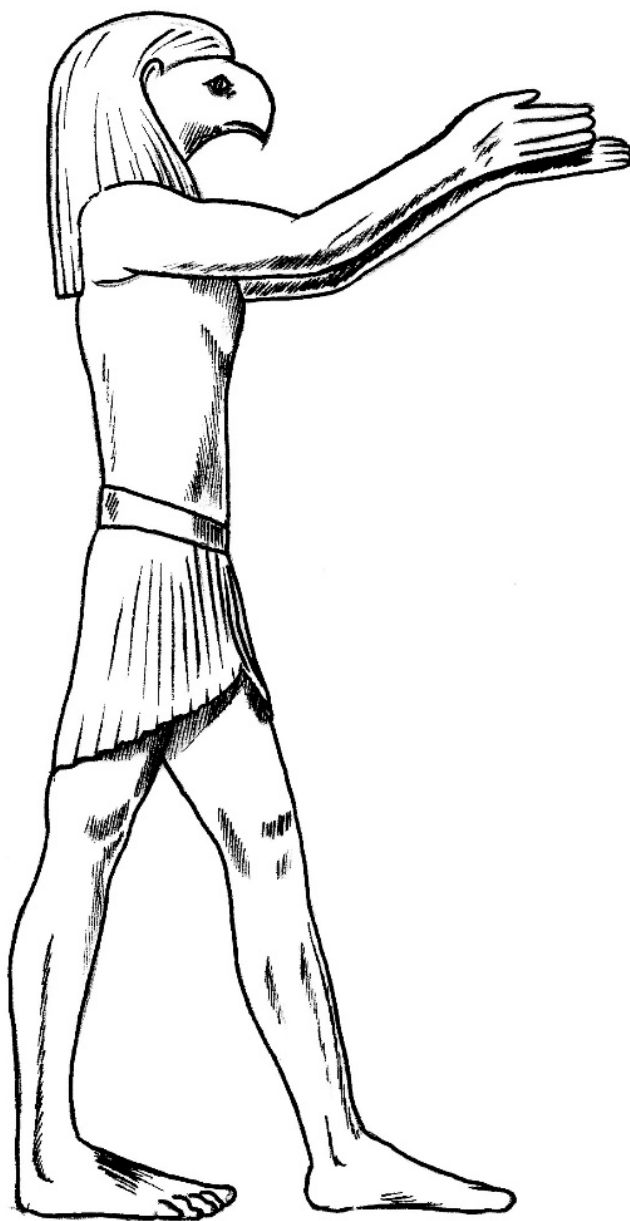
Around 3100 B.C. **Menes, the pharaoh of Lower Egypt** conquered the south and Egypt became united. He was the first king of the First Dynasty, the beginning of the Old Kingdom.

Menes founded the **first capital of Egypt** where the two lands met.

It was called **Memphis**.



The Ancient Egyptians **believed that their Pharaoh was the god Horus, son of Ra, the sun god.** When a pharaoh died he was believed to be united with the sun and then a new Horus ruled on earth



HORUS

Son of the Sun god RA

In the Old and Middle Kingdoms (2628-1638 BC), Egyptian kings were buried in pyramids. **About 50 royal pyramids have survived.** They were built on the desert edge, west of the ancient capital of Memphis.

In the New Kingdom (1504-1069 BC), Egyptian kings were buried in tombs in **the Valley of the Kings at Thebes.** These tombs were tunnels cut deep into the natural rock.

Pharaohs often had several wives but only one was queen.

Now use this information to find the answers to the following questions.

Who was the first Pharaoh of Egypt?.....

Who was the last Pharaoh of Egypt?.....

Horus was the son of which god?.....

What colour was the crown of Lower Egypt.....

What was the name of Egypt's first capital city.....

Where was Tutankhamun's tomb?.....

What colour was the crown of Upper Egypt.....

Pharaohs were half men and half - - - s