

Ancient Egyptian Roles



Look at the names of the ancient Egyptian jobs. Then look at the descriptions of each job. Can you cut each one out and match the job name with its description? Stick your work into your book.

Soldier	This person was good at protecting people, especially if there were enemies nearby.
Farmer	This person made bricks usually made out of mud and straw. These would be used to build houses.
Slave	This person was not free. This person was usually captured after a war and worked for a rich family or a Pharaoh.
Stonemason	This person worked on the land to grow crops (plants) and look after animals.
Brickmaker	This person caught food with spears or nets.
Fisherman	This person would carve big lumps of stone ready for artists to make a sculpture.

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Pharaoh	This person was like a king or queen. They decided everything that happened in Egypt. They were thought of as being just like gods.
Slave	This person ran the religious ceremonies and looked after the temples.
Priest	This person entertained pharaohs and performed at some religious ceremonies.
Craftsman	This person was not free. This person was usually captured after a war and worked for a rich family or a pharaoh. If the master died, this person would be killed also, so that the master could be looked after in the afterlife too.
Architect	This person could make pottery, work in cloth, make jewellery, work in leather or create statues.
Dancer	This person designed the ancient Egyptian building projects.

Extra Challenge: Decide which of these jobs you would most prefer to do and why.

I would prefer to be a _____

Because _____

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Scribe	This person was in charge of buying and selling goods. They sold items such as gold, papyrus, linen and jewellery and they bought wood, animal skins and live animals.
Craftsman	This person was the only type of person that could read and write in Egypt. They used a special code called hieroglyphs to read their information.
Merchant	This person had the job of washing a dead body with palm oil and rinsing it with water from the River Nile.
Vizier	This person was responsible for planning the vast pyramid structures.
Embalmer	This person was the second most important person in ancient Egypt. This was the person that helped the pharaoh.
Engineer	This person could make pottery, work in cloth, make jewellery, work in leather or create statues.

Extra Challenge:

Choose one of these jobs. Pretend that you live in ancient Egypt and have just got the job. Write home to your parents and include information that answers the questions below.

What kind of questions were you asked at the interview?

What experience do you have?

What do you expect to do on your first day in the job?

