

Ancient Egypt

Vocabulary	
Afterlife	Afterlife is existence after death. Ancient Egyptians had a belief in life after death.
Amulets	Amulets are important protective items worn in life and placed on mummified persons. They were believed to protect from danger or evil.
Ba	The ba is an aspect of the ancient Egyptian soul that was shown as a bird with the head of a man. The ba could travel between the afterlife and the land of the living.
Horus	Horus is the Egyptian falcon god, the son of Isis and Osiris. He is shown as a man with the head of a falcon and is the god most often associated with the king.
Ka	The ka is another aspect of the ancient Egyptian soul. The ka represents your social self. It's everything that you are as a person that gets to live on in the afterlife.
Mummy	A mummy is a person or animal that has been preserved through intentional or accidental means. A natural mummy is one that is preserved by dry climates like the desert, or in wet environments, like bogs. Ötzi the iceman is a famous mummy who was found preserved in a glacier! In northern BC, one such mummified person was found in 1999. The Royal BC Museum published the story of his discovery. Kwaday Dän Ts'inchí (Long Ago Person Found). The word mummy comes from the Arabic mummia which refers to an embalmed person and substance known as bitumen which was also used in mummification in later periods of ancient Egypt.
Rebirth	Rebirth is referred to in literature, spiritual, religious texts, and belief systems as a state of spiritual regeneration or a birth into a new life. This can mean symbolically in this life or literally in a life after death as the ancient Egyptians believed.
Tomb	A tomb is a structure built to house humans after death. In ancient Egypt tombs held human remains and all the grave goods they wanted to have in the afterlife. These take various forms from underground, rock cut, above ground, and even pyramids.
Wedjat	Wedjat (or Udjat) is also called the eye of Horus. It is represented as a human eye with an eyebrow with two lines below, one of which that is curled. It was a protective symbol that means making something whole or healed.