

King Tutankhamun

Sarcophagus Mask



King “Tut” ruled ca. 1332–1323 BC

He died when he was only 19 years old. He was buried with great treasures. Here are some things found in his tomb: a wooden bust, a golden footrest, and a signet ring.



The Ancient Egyptians were obsessed with the prospect of life after death - the eternal afterlife.

King Tut's Mask was a burial mask. It was made to look just like King Tut. The mask would have been placed over the face of the mummy so that King Tut's spirit would be able to recognize his body.



- The King Tut Mask weighs 24 pounds and is 21 inches tall and 15 inches wide. It is priceless!
- It is made of gold which is inlaid with semi-precious stones, colored glass paste and the eyes are made with obsidian and quartz. On the back of the mask there are carved spells and other words from the Egyptian “Book of the Dead.”



The death mask of King Tut was made out of gold for several reasons. It showed the immense wealth of the pharaoh. Gold does not tarnish or deteriorate. But most importantly gold shines like the sun and the pharaoh was called the Sun God.



The headdress has yellow stripes of solid gold, broken by bands of glass which had been colored dark blue.

The King Tut mask has a highly elaborate collar which is decorated with feldspar, quartz, lapis lazuli and colored glass. The ends of the golden collar are decorated with the head of a falcon encrusted with obsidian and semi-precious stones.



