



YUKAGIR, A FROZEN mammoth, was named after a small village in northeast Siberia near where he was discovered in November 2002. He was in excellent condition due to the permafrost (ground that is permanently frozen) in which he was found. Yukagir had remained frozen in the arctic land for 20,000 years.

▼ **THE APIS, OR** sacred bull, was the most important animal that the Egyptians worshipped. He was believed to be the earthly form of the god who created all the other gods. Only one bull, selected at birth,

lived at the Apis temple at any one time. It lived in great luxury, attended by servants. The Apis was mummified like humans—its vital organs were removed and its body was dried with natron before being wrapped.



CROCODILE
ASSOCIATED WITH SOBEK,
A GOD OF THE WATER



▲ **THIS MUMMIFIED** cat has a plaster mask. A complex pattern was used to wrap the cat in two colors of linen.



◀ **CATS WERE** sacred to the Egyptians. In the city of Bubastis, the largest center of cat worship, cats were embalmed, wrapped, and placed in cat-shaped coffins before being buried in a cat cemetery. In the 1800s, around 300,000 cat mummies were discovered in Bubastis. They were shipped to England to be made into fertilizer and then sold!



COW
ASSOCIATED WITH HATHOR,
GODDESS OF LOVE AND MOTHERHOOD



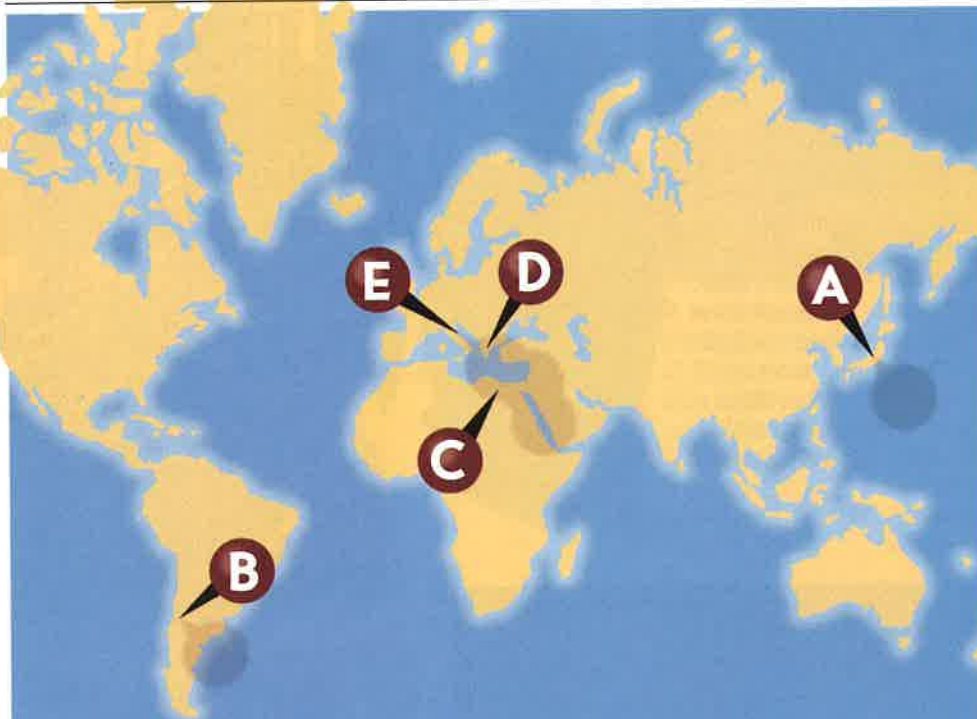
CAT
ASSOCIATED WITH BAST,
GODDESS OF THE HOME



▲ **A MUMMY** named Blue Babe was found frozen in almost perfect condition near Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1979. Blue Babe was a

36,000-year-old male bison. Scratch marks on the mummy, along with a large piece of lion's tooth in the animal's neck,

reveal that Blue Babe had been killed by a lion. At one time, lions roamed Europe and North America.



Where Are the Mummies?

The map shows some places where mummies have been found. Write the letter on the map next to the name of the place.

- _____ 1. Rome
- _____ 2. Egypt
- _____ 3. Japan
- _____ 4. Andes mountains
- _____ 5. Greece

More Reading on Mummies

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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Who or What?

Match each term with its description.

1. ___ *Ka*

2. ___ Lindow Man

3. ___ hieroglyphs

4. ___ mastaba

5. ___ shabti

6. ___ Howard Carter

7. ___ Giza

8. ___ Apis

9. ___ pharaoh

10. ___ Blue Babe

a. early Egyptian tomb

b. site of the Great Pyramid

c. vital energy of life to ancient Egyptians

d. small figure of worker placed in Egyptian tomb

e. ruler in ancient Egypt

f. sacred bull of Egyptians

g. Egyptian picture writing

h. mummified bison found in Alaska

i. discoverer of King Tut's tomb

j. mummy found in English peat bog



ANIMALS & GODS



The ancient Egyptians had many gods and each one was associated with an animal. Fill in the chart below by adding the missing animals, gods, and their jobs.

ANIMAL	GOD OR GODDESS	JOB
jackal		god of embalming
		god of the water
	Horus	
cat		goddess of the home
ibis, baboon	Thoth	
	Hathor	
beetle		god of creation

Mummy Search

Find the ten words related to the preparation of Egyptian mummies: embalmer, natron, linen, beeswax, resin, shroud, amulet, canopic jar, coffin, mummiform. Words may be written forward, backward, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.



C N O P C O F F I N
 N O R T A N E B M A
 X R V O N U Q R E T
 A H E T O I O T M K
 W E T S P F X E B O
 S N E N I L O L A Y
 E I T M C N Z U L R
 E C M A J G I M M U
 B U P E A N O A E T
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