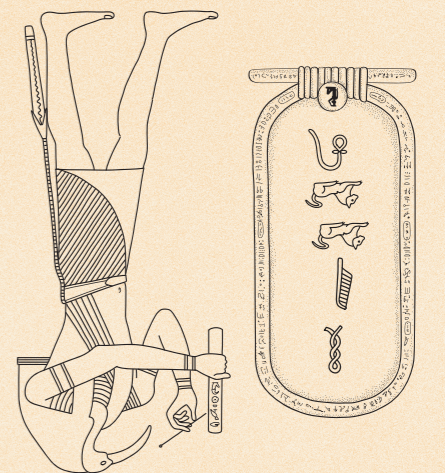


Look for my picture on the wall with a number next to it. When you spot it, grab your booklet and match it with the number inside. Then, complete the activity.



Have fun!

Come with me to explore the exhibition and learn more about the rulers of ancient Egypt.

I'm Thoth, the ancient Egyptian god of writing, wisdom and knowledge.

Welcome to *Pharaoh* at the National Gallery of Victoria.

Hey there, kids!

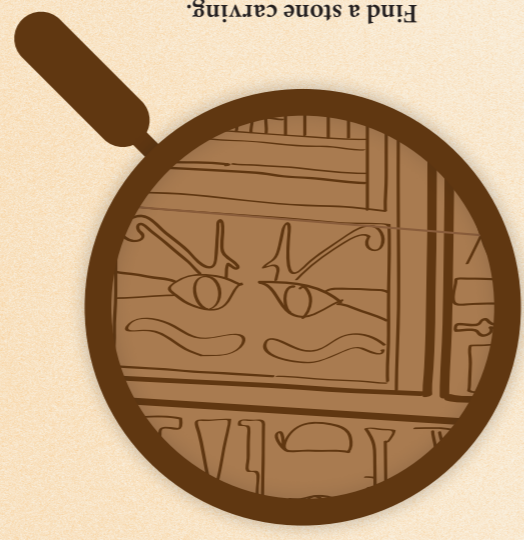
Which pharaoh captures your attention? Imagine meeting this ruler in real life. If you could ask this pharaoh 3 questions, what would they be?



1. POWERFUL PHARAOS

In ancient Egypt, artisans made sculptures like the ones in this room to show how important and powerful a pharaoh was.

Who is the pharaoh? Who are the gods? Look for clues like what they're wearing and any special symbols or features they might have. What is happening in the image?



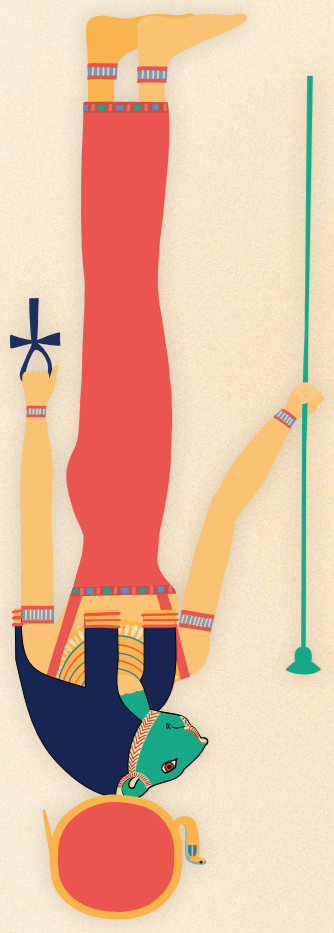
2. THE PHARAOS AND GODS OF EGYPT

In ancient Egypt, many people believed that the gods had special powers and were connected to the pharaoh. Stone carvings were created to show this divine connection.

Meet Sekhmet, a fierce lion-headed goddess from ancient Egypt. Pharaoh Amenhotep III wanted to keep her happy, so he had around 730 statues made of this goddess!

Half showed Sekhmet striding in an assertive way and the other half showed her sitting calmly.

Walk down the avenue of Sekhmet statues. What features make Sekhmet look powerful?



3. THE POWERFUL ONE

#### 4. THE JEWELS OF ANCIENT EGYPT

The ancient Egyptians believed that some jewellery could provide power, protection and good luck for the wearer. Sometimes they included images of animals, each of which had its own special meaning. Snakes could symbolise protection, scarab beetles could symbolise new beginnings, cats symbolised the goddess Bastet (protector of the home) and flies could symbolise persistence.

Let's go on a treasure hunt to find these animals!



#### 5. JOBS IN ANCIENT EGYPT

As Thoth, I am the god of scribes. Scribes recorded the day-to-day activities and kept track of everything, which was one of the most important jobs in ancient Egypt.

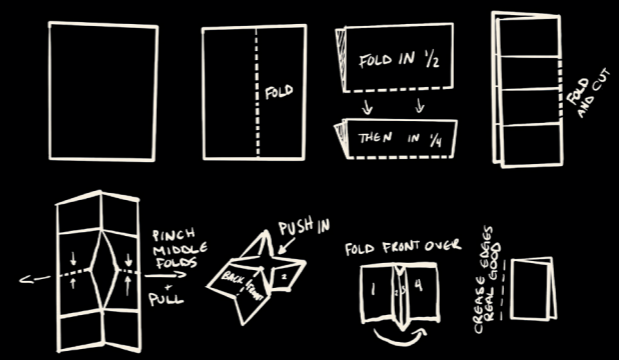
This is one of the reasons why we know so much about what life was like in ancient Egypt!



If you were a scribe, what would you record about life today?

We hope you enjoyed *Pharaoh*. Discover more at [NGV.Melbourne/Pharaoh](http://NGV.Melbourne/Pharaoh)

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