

The Pharaoh's Curse

A long time ago, in Egypt, there was a young pharaoh named Tutankhamun. He became king when he was just a child. His time as king was short, but his tomb became one of the most famous and mysterious in history.

In 1922, a man named Howard Carter found Tutankhamun's tomb, which had been hidden under the sand for hundreds of years. The tomb and all its treasures stayed safe and hidden.

But soon, people started to get scared. It was said that a curse would harm anyone who disturbed the pharaoh's rest. Some people from the team who discovered the tomb died in strange ways.

Was there really a curse? One idea is that a dangerous fungus was in the tomb. This fungus, *Aspergillus flavus*, could cause breathing problems and even death. So, maybe those deaths happened for a reason, and not because of a curse. Also, many people from the team lived for many more years.

Even though the curse might not be real, the story became very popular, and it was used in books and movies.

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QUESTIONS

1. What was the Pharaoh's name?
 - a) Tutankhamun
 - b) Akhenaton
 - c) Cleopatra
 - d) Osiris
2. When did the protagonist became Pharaoh?
 - a) When he was an adult
 - b) When he was a child
 - c) When he was elderly
 - d) He never became Pharaoh
3. Who discovered the tomb?
 - a) Howard Shore
 - b) Indiana Jones
 - c) Howard Carter
 - d) Howard Gardner
4. When did they discover it?
 - a) In 1999
 - b) In 1994
 - c) In 1822
 - d) In 1922
5. What caused the death of some explorers?
 - a) The Pharaoh
 - b) A fungus
 - c) A spell
 - d) The curse

