

EGYPT'S SOCIAL STRUCTURE

1. PHARAOH

- a. Control over religion, politics and military.
- b. Everything in the kingdom was owned by the pharaoh
- c. Lived in the lap of luxury
- d. Most important role in Egypt

2. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

- a. Usually family members
- b. Viziers: judges
- c. Treasurers: collected taxes
- d. Generals: in charge of the military

3. PRIESTS

- a. Highly respected
- b. High priests were in charge of important ceremonies
- c. Priests took care of temples
- d. Priests were in charge of burials (embalming & mummification)

4. SCRIBES

- a. Went to special school
- b. Writers and record keepers
- c. School was very hard and girls weren't allowed
- d. Scribes worked for government, religious leaders, farms etc.

5. ARTISANS

- a. Had specialized skills
- b. Stone carvers were the most important
- c. Jobs like carpentry,
- d. Not well respected

6. PEASANTS

- a. The largest social class
- b. Farmed the crops
- c. Worked on monuments
- d. Good Harvest= received leftover crops/Bad Harvest= severely beaten

