

The Great Sphinx



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- What Is The Sphinx?
 - The sphinx is a cross between a lion and a human
 - The Sphinx has the body of a lion and the head of a human with small differences in the face.
 - The Sphinx was a spiritual guardian that is usually known to be male pharaoh that wears a headdress.
 - In old Greek traditions the sphinx was believed to have wings and also the tail of a serpent.
 - The sphinx was also known to devour and kill every traveler that is unable to solve the sphinx's riddle.



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- The Riddle

-Historians are unsure what the Egyptians called the sphinx during its prime is still a riddle because of the fact that the sphinx originates from Greek mythology.

-At the end of the Old Kingdom the Great Sphinx started to fade into the desert background and was forgotten about for centuries.

-On the Great Sphinx's paw it has a pink granite slab that tells a story about how the sphinx was saved from the sands of time.

-The Great Sphinx has very little inscriptions that talk about the statue. Khafre associated himself with the statue of the Great Sphinx.

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- How Old Is The Sphinx

-Scientists believe that The Great Sphinx is believed to be about 4,500 years old

- 4,500 years ago pharaoh khafre built the Great Sphinx out of limestone.

Pharaoh Khafre also built the second pyramid of Giza.

-The Sphinx was built during the tyrant king khafre's time as ruler of giza.

-There has been theories that the Sphinx was built 9,000 years ago

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- Material

-Limestone (A rock made up of skeletal fragments of coral and other aquatic organisms)

- How big is the sphinx (Height and Length)

- The Sphinx is 240 feet long (73 meters)

- The Sphinx is 66 feet tall (20 meters)



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- How was the Sphinx built
- The Sphinx was built out of limestone and was built 4,500 years ago.
 - The limestone came off of the giza plateau known as the mokattam formation.
 - The Great Sphinx was carved instead of built out of the limestone of the plateau



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