

Monday 1st February

L.O. To understand the historical importance of the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb

Your task:

You are to write a letter home imagining it is 1922, and you have just discovered the tomb of the Boy King (along with the archaeologist Howard Carter). Use the information from the powerpoints, sources and YouTube videos to make your letter realistic

To everyone back home,

My dearest loved ones. I hope this letter finds you well, it has been many weeks since we last met. I have been on an awesome adventure but I have missed you so much.

Howard and I started our journey together in Cairo. We traveled 300 miles south to get to the Valley of the Kings. We made the journey using camels to travel through the desert. The Valley of the Kings has always been a great interest for me and Howard, it is also known as the City of the Dead. The reason why it is known as the City of the Dead is because all of the Pharaohs are buried here. The journey was long and exhausting and the heat here is unbearable.

Despite our horrific journey I have great news, we were walking for hours waiting for something exciting to happen but then I tripped over what seemed like stones so we started to investigate. After days of digging we found out that they weren't stones they were steps that led down into the sand. We found that the steps guided us to an entrance to a tomb. I could never forget the look on Howard's face. He was filled with happiness so we couldn't stop there. We followed the path all the way into the dark tunnel. It was pitch black so we had to make torches by wrapping rags around sticks and set them alight and the floors were full of mud from the walls crumbling. Along the way Howard nearly stepped on a boobytrap but I had noticed that the tile was out of place even though you couldn't see it so I pulled him away so it didn't pull him with it. We had found a room and it had pictures on the wall that seemed to tell a story. We discovered that it was the story of a boy who became king. The pictures also seemed to show a treasure map that seemed to point into the center of the valley. We followed the path further and finally came across the tomb. The young king had been buried with a colossal amount of treasure and we found so many artifacts I had lost count on how many there were. Overall the most interesting artifact was the gold mask that he was buried with. We intend to research these artifacts that we have discovered. After our research we will send them to the museum.

Lots of love from Emily Boyle