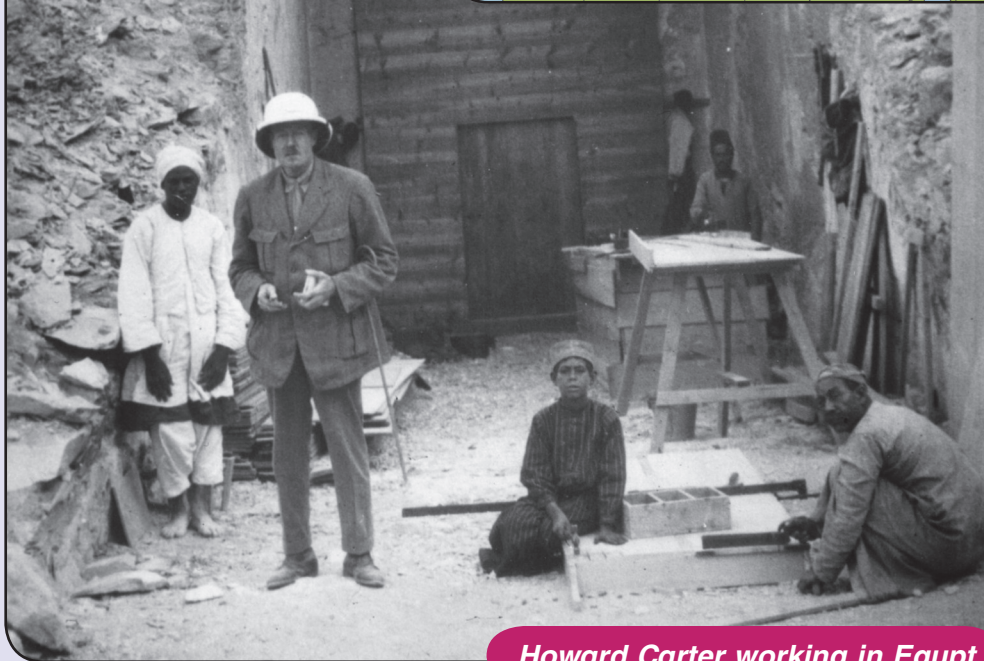


The history of gold

The Egyptians



Howard Carter working in Egypt

People first used gold thousands of years ago. We know that the ancient Egyptians loved gold.

In 1922, an archaeologist called Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh*, Tutankhamun. When he opened the stone door, Carter was very surprised. There was gold everywhere.

* A pharaoh was an ancient Egyptian king.

The body of the pharaoh was inside a gold coffin. It was 3,000 years old. You can see Tutankhamun's gold mask in a museum.



The mask weighs more than ten kilograms.