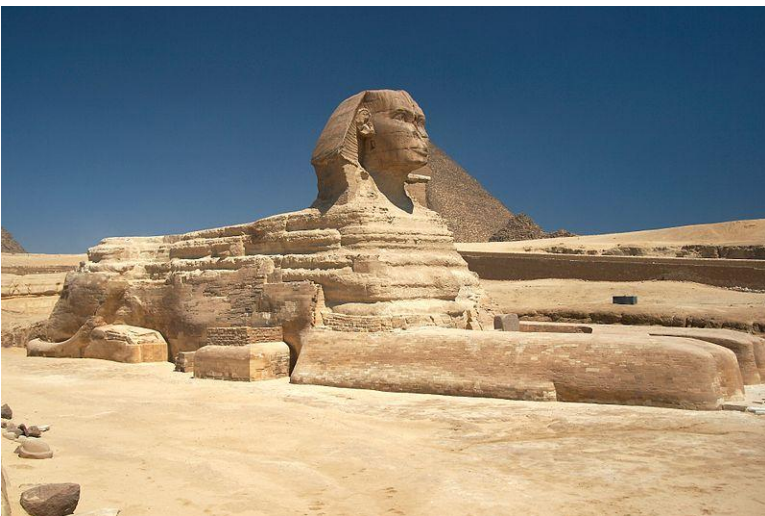


The Sphinx

The Sphinx is a stone statue that is believed to be built around 2500 B.C. in Giza which is the third largest city in Egypt. Egypt is located in Africa. The sphinx was made by the pharaoh Khafra who also built the second pyramid of Giza.

The Sphinx is 260 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 65 feet tall. That makes it the largest single stone statue in the world. The sphinx has a lions body and a human head. It is now believed that the head is the head of the pharaoh Khafra.

We believe that the construction of the Sphinx was made in layers.



This is a picture of the Sphinx and it is the best proof that it has layers.

We believe that the Sphinx lost its nose in a war but another theory says that a man tore it off.

The beard is believed to have been put on after because no damage to the chin happened when the beard was removed.



This is a picture of a limestone fragment of the Sphinx's beard.

The Sphinx was given its name 2000 years after construction. It is also called Horus of the Horizon. Horus is the sky God.

The Sphinx was once covered in sand. A man named Thutmose IV sat under the shadow of the Sphinx until he fell asleep. When he fell asleep, he had a dream that he would undig the Sphinx. So, he got a team and the best they could do was dig out the front paws. He put a giant granite slab known as the Dream Stele and he wrote an engraving which was about him talking to Ra, the God of Heaven.

Then, a second man named Ramesses II the Great tried the second excavation.

Third person Italian Captain Giovanni Battista Caviglia uncovered the Sphinx's chest completely.

The last person named Emile Baraize completed the excavation from 1925 - 1936.



This is a picture of them digging out the Sphinx

Over the years, sand storms would damage and disintegrate the Sphinx and we hope that it will last a lifetime. Maybe we can find a way to help preserve it.

