

CANOPIC JARS

Age Range: Any

Description: Canopic Jars played a huge part in the mummification process, create your own using a few tools!

Historic Context: Canopic jars were used by the Ancient Egyptians during the mummification process to store and preserve important organs of the deceased for the afterlife. There were four unique jars each representing a child of Horus. There is a jackal-headed god, a baboon-headed god, a human-headed god, and a falcon-headed god. Each god would protect a specific organ. The jackal-headed god protected the stomach. The Baboon-headed god protected the lungs. The human-headed god protected the liver, and the falcon-headed god protected the intestines. The Ancient Egyptians believed the heart to be the most important organ and they would put it back in the body as one of the last stages in mummification. The least important was the brain, and it pulled from out the nose of the deceased and threw it away. Yuk!

Time: 2+ hours (for all four), 30 min for one jar

Materials Needed: plastic bottles, paint, construction paper

STEP ONE: CUT OFF THE TOP OF THE BOTTLE



STEP TWO: PAINT THE BOTTLE GOLD OR BROWN



STEP THREE: CREATE THE FACE/TOP OF JAR USING CONSTRUCTION PAPER.



STEP FOUR: ATTACH THE HEAD TO THE JAR.



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STEP FIVE: DECORATE THE JAR HOWEVER YOU WANT! CREATE THE REST - THERE'S STILL 3 MORE!



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