



Frieda Hoffmann – archaeologist and writer

Frieda Hoffmann was born in Germany, but she has lived most of her life abroad. She has a passion for history and ancient civilizations. Her greatest love is Africa, and she has written several books about ancient Egypt.



Driving in South Africa



Crossing the Sahara, Algeria



The Nile River, Kenya



Walking the Great Wall of China



Archaeological site, Egypt

I Frieda, you've traveled a lot in your lifetime.

¹ Which countries have you been to?

F Well, I've been to a lot of countries in Africa and Asia, but I've never been to South America.

I ² When did you first go abroad?

F When I was six, my family moved to England.

I ³ ?

F Because my father got a job as a professor of history at Cambridge University.

I ⁴ in archaeology?

F Yes, I have. When I was ten, there was an exhibition in London of Tutankhamun, the Egyptian king. My father took me to see it, and I was fascinated! After that I knew that I wanted to go to Egypt and be an archaeologist.

I ⁵ ?

F At least twenty times! I go as often as I can.

I ⁶ ?

F Yes, I've made some very important discoveries. I was the leader of a team that discovered some ancient tombs near Cairo.

I You've written books about Egypt, haven't you?

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F I've written three about the pharaohs. And I've written a book about a journey I made from Cairo to Cape Town.

I ⁸ ? By train? By car?

F In a Land Rover, of course!

I In all of your travels, ⁹ ?

F Oh, my gosh, yes! Many times. But in situations like that you learn so much about yourself.