Pyramids of Giza



1. How many Pyramids of Giza are there?

seven	four	three	two

2. Which pyramid is the largest and oldest of the Pyramids of Giza?

the Pharaoh Pyramid	the Pyramid of Khafre	the Great Pyramid	No one really knows for sure.

3. How many blocks of stone were used to build the largest of the pyramids?

2.3 million	2.7 million	3 million	5 million

4. How long did it take to construct the Great Pyramid?

47 years	200 years	20 years	several lifetimes

5. What is the height of the Pyramid of Khafre?

143 meters	469 meters	65 meters	317 meters

6. When were the Pyramids of Giza designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site?

more than 4,000 years ago	almost 200 years ago	in 1897	in 1979

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Discuss these questions.

1. What information in this lecture did you find the most interesting? Why?

2. How long do you think the Pyramids of Giza will last? Will they last forever?

3. What are the advantages / disadvantages of having a famous landmark near where you live?

4. Why have people always liked to build tall structures?

5. Would you like to visit the Pyramids of Giza? Why? / Why not?

6. What famous landmarks have you visited?

Transcript

Located just outside of Cairo, the Pyramids of Giza are a group of three ancient pyramids that were built as tombs for Pharaohs Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure of the 4th dynasty. The pyramids, which date back to around 2500 BC, are considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and are a popular tourist attraction to this day.

The most well-known pyramid is the Great Pyramid of Giza, which was built for Pharaoh Khufu and is the largest of the three pyramids. It is also the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the only one that remains largely intact. The pyramid, which stands at a height of 147 meters (481 feet), is made up of over 2.3 million blocks of limestone and granite, with each block weighing an average of 2.5 tons. It is thought that it took around 20 years to construct the pyramid, with workers using a combination of ramps and levers to move the blocks into place.

In addition to the Great Pyramid, the Pyramids of Giza also include the Pyramid of Khafre and the Pyramid of Menkaure. The Pyramid of Khafre, which was built for Pharaoh Khafre, is slightly smaller than the Great Pyramid but is still an impressive structure. It stands at a height of 143 meters (469 feet) and is made up of around 2.3 million blocks of limestone. The Pyramid of Menkaure, which was built for Pharaoh Menkaure, is the smallest of the three pyramids and stands at a height of 65 meters (213 feet).

The Pyramids of Giza are not only an impressive feat of engineering but also a testament to the wealth and power of the ancient Egyptian Pharaohs. They have attracted visitors from all over the world for centuries and continue to be a popular tourist destination today. In 1979, the Pyramids of Giza were designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and are considered a symbol of Egypt's rich cultural heritage.

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