



Homeschool Learning Network

Create Your Own Sarcophagus (Grades K-8)

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Materials needed:

- Butcher paper
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Colored markers or crayons
- Reference books with pictures of sarcophaguses
- Copy of a hieroglyphic letter chart

You will need the help of a parent, sibling, or friend.

1. Lay out the paper on the floor. It needs to be as long as you are tall.
2. Now lie down on the paper and fold your arms over your chest.
3. Have your helper trace your body.
4. You need to design your sarcophagus. Begin with the head. Look at examples of sarcophaguses. Notice that they all have hair that surrounds their face and is long? Draw that on your head. * Remember to use a pencil first so that you can fix any errors or change a design if you do not like it.
5. Then add your facial features. You may want to have a small mirror to look into.
6. Now add the hieroglyphics, or draw jewels, and other designs that you want on your sarcophagus.
7. Now you have your sarcophagus designed! Get your colored pencils, markers, or crayons and start coloring in. Take our time completing this process.

When the design is finished you have two choices.

1. Cut out the design and hang it on the wall
2. Cut another 3 pieces of butcher paper out to match the first piece. Pile the 4 pieces on top of each other, with your drawing on the top. Staple the bottom half of the sarcophagus, then fill the inside with crumpled newspaper. Make sure to add the newspaper so there are two layers on each side of the fill. Continue filling and stapling until the sarcophagus is closed. Now you have a life-sized sarcophagus!