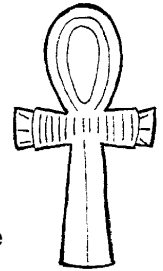


IN THE MUSEUM DISCOVER A MUMMY!

Here rests **Meresamun** (meh-res-AH-moon). She lived almost 3,000 years ago in ancient Egypt, a great civilization in Africa. Look for her brightly painted mummy case in the center of the Egyptian Gallery. The Egyptians mummified their dead because they believed in a life after death in which the dead person needed a body.

- * Can you find where the symbols shown on this page are located on Meresamun's mummy case?
- * Can you find hieroglyphs—ancient Egyptian writing—on the mummy case?
- * Has the case ever been opened?
- * If you could ask Meresamun one question, what would it be?



Ankh
Long life



Eye of Horus or udjat (OO-jat)eye
Brings good health

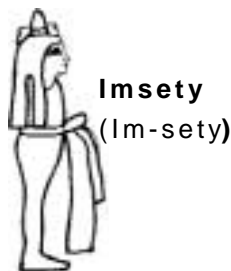


Djed (jed) Pillar
Brings strength and stability

Anubis
Helper of the mummy



Hapy
(Hah-pee)



Imsety
(Im-sety)

Qebhsenuf
(Kebek-sen-oo-ef)




























Duamutef
(DO-a-moot-ef)



Four Sons of Horus Minor gods who watch over the internal organs of the mummy

DECORATE A MUMMY CASE!

The ancient Egyptians used many different figures and symbols to decorate their mummy cases. Use the pictures from the Mummy Page to design a personal mummy case. Below is an alphabet of hieroglyphs, the writing system used by the ancient Egyptians thousands of years ago. Use this alphabet to write your name in hieroglyphs on the mummy case.

A Egyptian Vulture		O Lasso	
B Foot		P Stool	
C Basket		Q Hill	
D Hand		R Mouth	
E Flowering Reeds		S Bolt of Cloth	
F Horned Viper		T Loaf of Bread	
G Ring Stand		U Quail Chick	
H Courtyard		V Horned Viper	
I Flowering Reed		W Coil of Rope	
J Cobra		X Basket & Bolt of Cloth	
K Basket		Y Flowering Reeds	
L Lion		Z Door Bolt	
M Owl		Female Determinative	