

## Notes on pyramids:

(From p. 166- 169 in textbook)

Two kinds: Step and Regular (draw sketch of each)

Largest:

The Great Pyramid at Khufu

2.3 million blocks of stone

760' on a side (approx 2-1/2 football fields end-to-end)

20 years to build

20,000 workers

Had a 125' ship inside

Giza—city known for pyramids and where the workers lived

Problems:

Grave robbers

-- there were treasures in the tombs to ensure the deceased would have a happy afterlife

-- if the treasures were robbed, there would be no happy afterlife

To thwart thieves:

-- doors sealed

-- hidden burial chambers

-- secret passageways

There were passageways to different rooms

Relatives (especially spouses and children) were buried there, too

Filled with objects to be used in the afterlife (from food to furniture)

Statues were placed in tombs who were supposed to be servants in the afterlife

Decorated with wall art (paintings and sculptures)

Dead pharaohs were reproduced in art to look “perfect” despite human flaws

Pharaohs were depicted having a good time

Art was used to glorify the deeds of the pharaohs and the gods