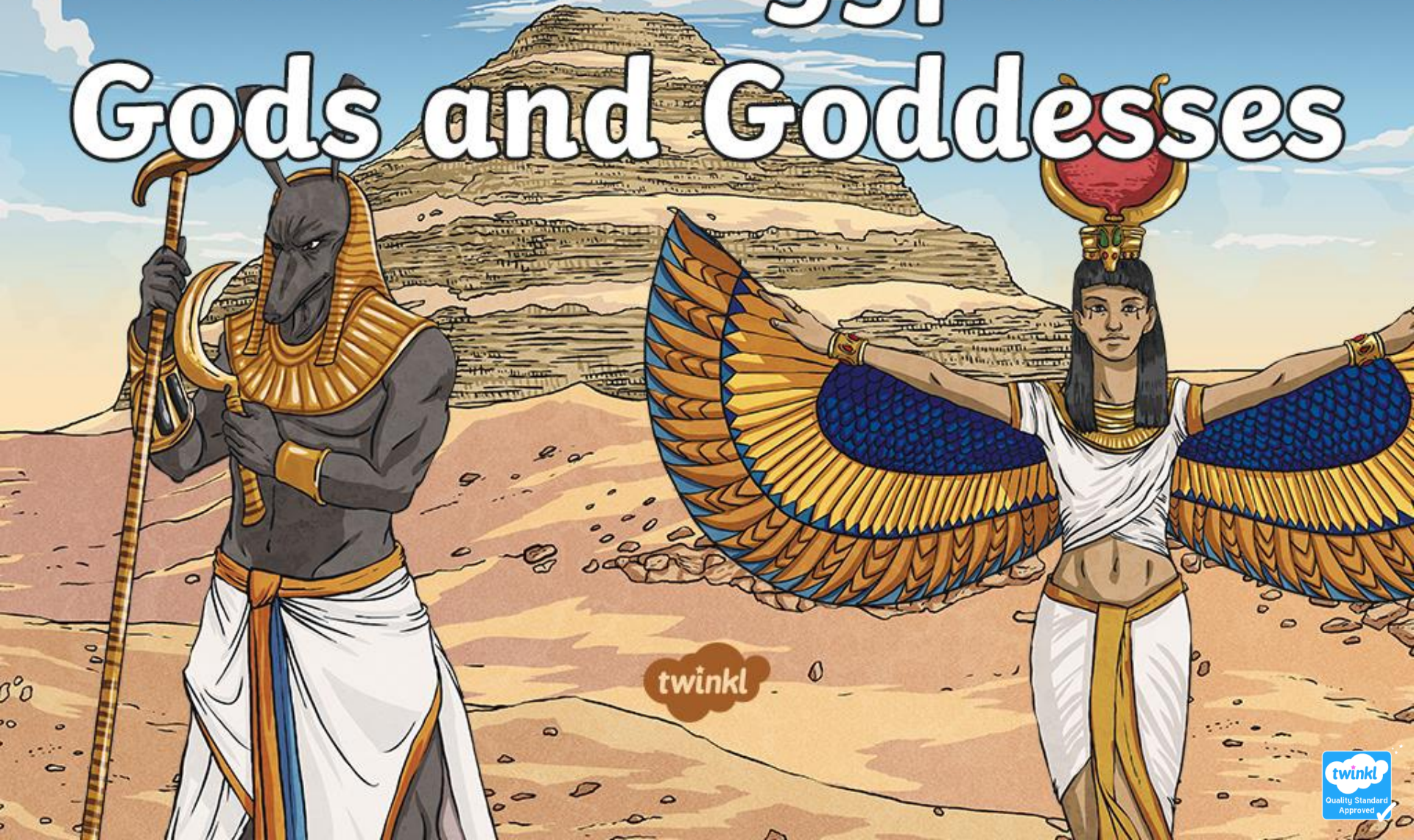


Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses



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NAME: Ra

GOD OF: the sun

Ra was the most important god to all the Egyptians.

It was believed that he was swallowed by Nut the sky goddess every night and born again in the morning.

The Egyptians also believed that Ra travelled through the underworld at night, where he appeared as a man with the head of a ram!



NAME: Anubis

GOD OF: the dead and the process of embalming

It was thought that jackals watched over the dead as they were seen in cemeteries a lot.

Anubis helped to embalm Osiris when he was killed by Seth.

Egyptian priests would wear a mask of Anubis during mummification ceremonies.



NAME: Osiris

GOD OF: the dead and the underworld.

Osiris was also a god of resurrection and fertility.

The Egyptians believed that he gave them the gift of their most important crop, barley.

Osiris was the husband of Isis and the father of Horus.

NAME: Nut and Geb

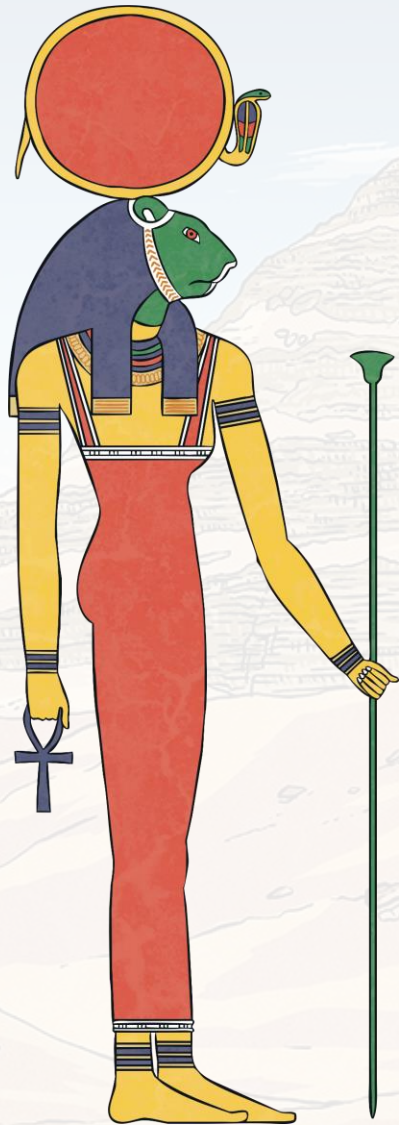
GOD/GODDESS OF: Nut – the sky,
Geb – the earth



Nut's body is stretched across the sky and covered in stars. She and Geb are the parents of Isis and Osiris.

Nut is the sister/wife of Geb and it is believed that Nut swallowed Ra, the sun god at the end of every day and gave birth to him again in the morning.

It was believed that earthquakes are caused by Geb's laughing.



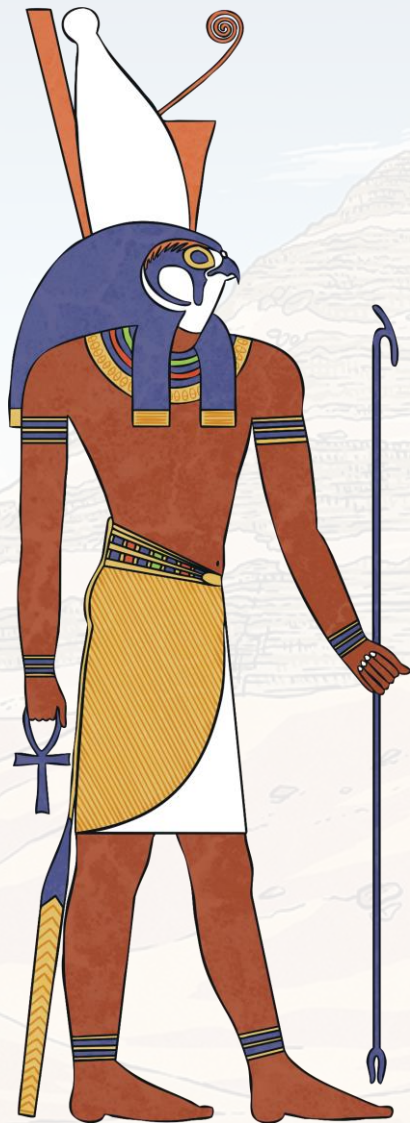
NAME: Sekhmet

GODDESS OF: war

Sekhmet means 'the powerful one'!

She is sometimes called the daughter of the sun god Ra.

She is celebrated at the end of battles.



NAME: Horus

GOD OF: the sky

Protector and ruler of Egypt. All living pharaohs were considered a 'living Horus'.

It was believed that Horus was the son of Isis and Osiris.

Horus became a ruler of the living after losing an eye in a battle and having it restored. The eye then became a symbol of protection.



NAME: Thoth

GOD OF: writing and knowledge

Thoth could also appear as a baboon.

It was believed that Thoth gave the Egyptians the gift of hieroglyphs.

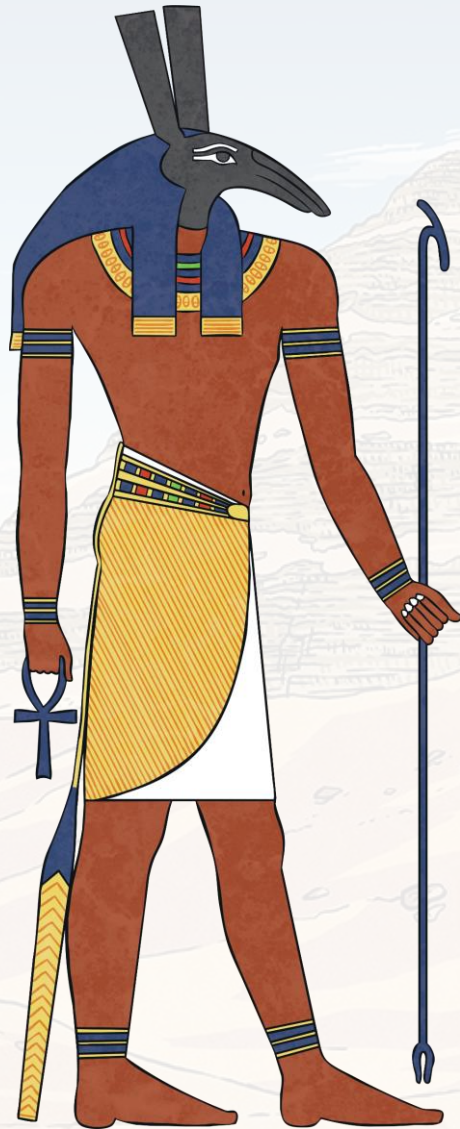


NAME: Isis

GODDESS OF: protecting the needy.

Isis is the wife of Osiris. Each pharaoh of the time was considered a 'living Horus' so she was very important as their wife.

She is also the mother of Horus and has him sitting on her lap.



NAME: Set

GOD OF: chaos, the desert and storms.

Set is the son of Geb and Nut. He is the father of the jackal-headed god Anubis.

Set represented everything that threatened peace in ancient Egypt, such as war, disease and destruction.

Set is seen as a strong and dangerous god but not completely evil. He is a friend to the dead, helping them rise to heaven on his ladder.



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