The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt

Menes: 3100 BCE (Old Kingdom)

* First King to unify upper and lower Egypt
* Wore the double crown (white and red)
* First to be recognized as the absolute ruler of Egypt and considered a god

Djoer:

* 2686 – 2613 BCE (Third Dynasty - Old Kingdom)
* First Pharaoh to have a Pyramid built for him (Step Pyramid @Saqqara)
* Imhotep was his right hand man

Khufu

* 2600 – 2500 BCE (Old Kingdom)
* Had his followers build the largest pyramid for his journey to the afterlife
* It is referred to as the “Great Pyramid of Giza”

Hatshepsut:

* 1470 BCE (New Kingdom)
* First female Pharaoh
* Took power from her step-son (Tuthmosis III) after his father died
* Was symbolized wearing a beard
* Her reign provided a time of peace, stability and prosperity for Egypt

Tuthmosis:

* 1334 BCE (New Kingdom)
* Step-son of Hatshepsut
* Greatly expanded the land that Egypt controlled
* Led many military campaigns
* Referred to as the “Napoleon of Egypt”

Akheraton

* 1359 BCE (New Kingdom)
* Father of King Tut
* Considered the “Rebel Pharaoh”
* Changed the religious structure of Egypt
* Banned the worship of multiple gods and supported the worship of the single god “Aton”
* Did not govern Egypt well
* Built a new city called Akhetaton and did not leave it
* Due to this, Egyptian society began to decline.

Tutankhamun

* 1334 BCE (New Kingdom)
* Son of Akhenaton
* Child King
* Reversed his father’s religious changes
* Died @ 18 – most preserved burial chamber (found in 1922)

Ramses II

* 1297 BCE (New Kingdom)
* Constructed more buildings and statues than any other Pharaoh
* Kicked individuals of the Jewish faith out of Egypt
* His rule was one of the last – Egypt soon fell to the rule of foreign powers