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Intro to Ancient Egypt



Introduction

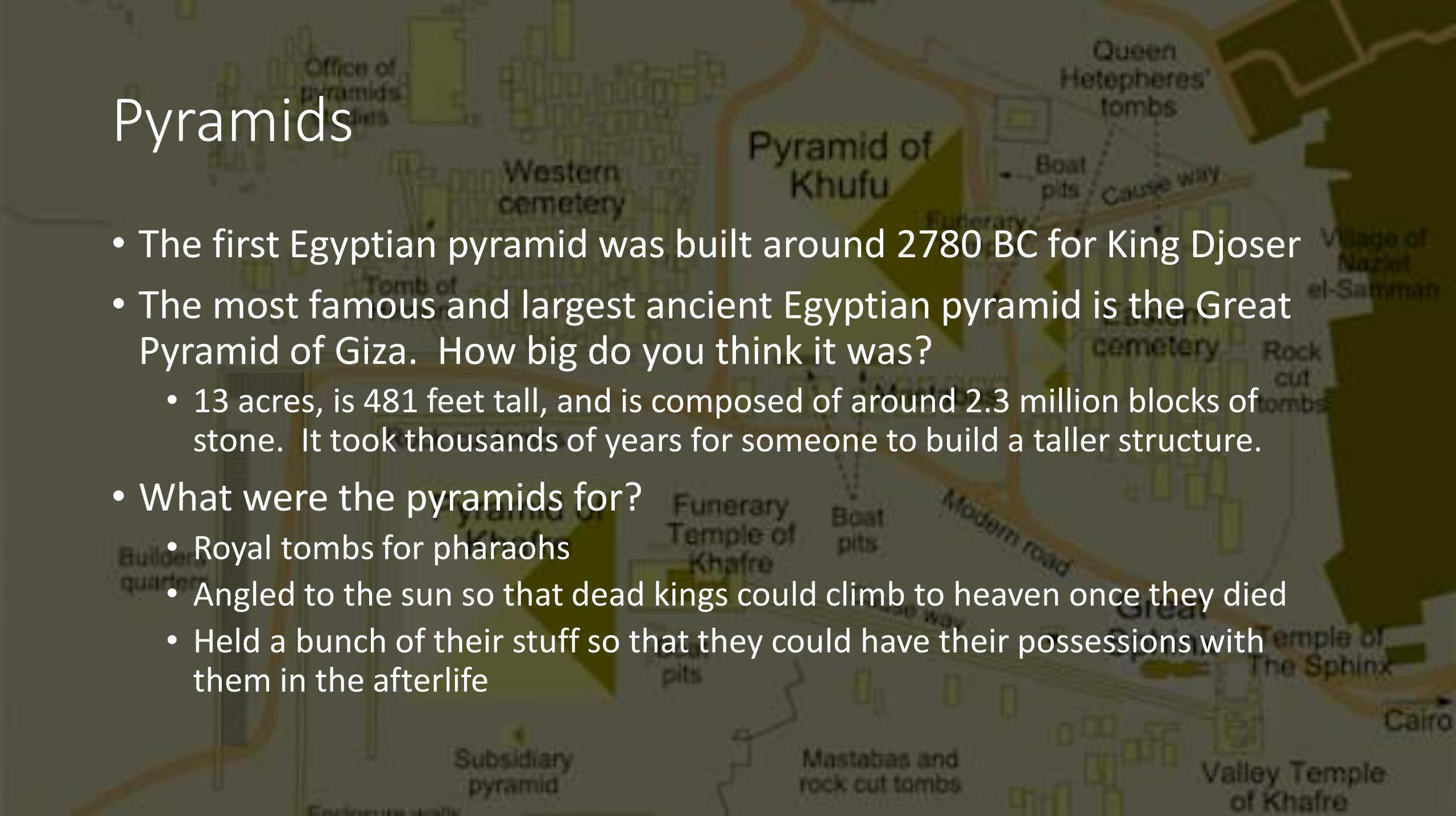
- What do you know about Ancient Egypt?
 - Ancient civilization
 - Pyramids
 - King Tut
 - The Nile
 - Hieroglyphs
- How long do you think it existed?
 - Over 3000 years! More than 15 times America's age! Predynastic period stated around 5000 B.C.E and the Dynastic period around 3100 B.C.E. Ended with Greco-Roman rule around 30 BCE.

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Hieroglyphs

- A common misconception about hieroglyphs are that they are the only type of writing Ancient Egyptians used. They were actually for the most part only carved on monuments.
 - The other two were called Hieratic (religious) and Demotic (general documents) scripts
- Why do you think Hieroglyphs were used so little?
- First dated to fourth millennium BCE
- The style of writing hieroglyphs generally matched the art style of the era

Pyramids

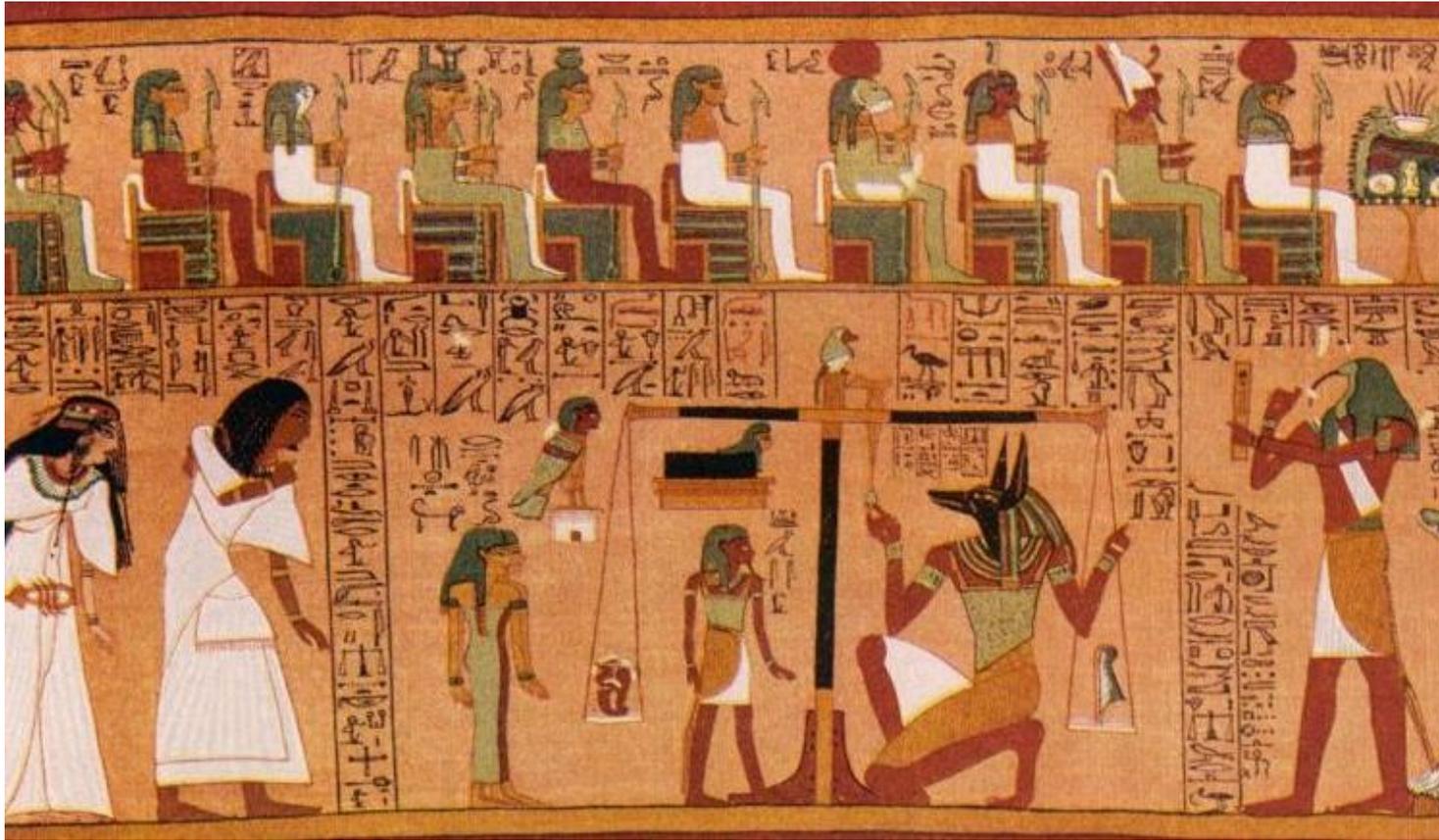


- The first Egyptian pyramid was built around 2780 BC for King Djoser
- The most famous and largest ancient Egyptian pyramid is the Great Pyramid of Giza. How big do you think it was?
 - 13 acres, is 481 feet tall, and is composed of around 2.3 million blocks of stone. It took thousands of years for someone to build a taller structure.
- What were the pyramids for?
 - Royal tombs for pharaohs
 - Angled to the sun so that dead kings could climb to heaven once they died
 - Held a bunch of their stuff so that they could have their possessions with them in the afterlife

General Art

- Usually formal and stiff
- Art was often made for dead people or for deities. Statues were commonly made for spirits to access the living world
- 3D art was used to depict the world as it was and was usually very formal
- Representations of people in 2D art almost always showed them in profile with only their eyes and shoulders pointed to viewers.
- The larger a person was sized in an artwork, the more important they were. Kings and gods were drawn as much bigger than normal people.





Based on what you've just learned...

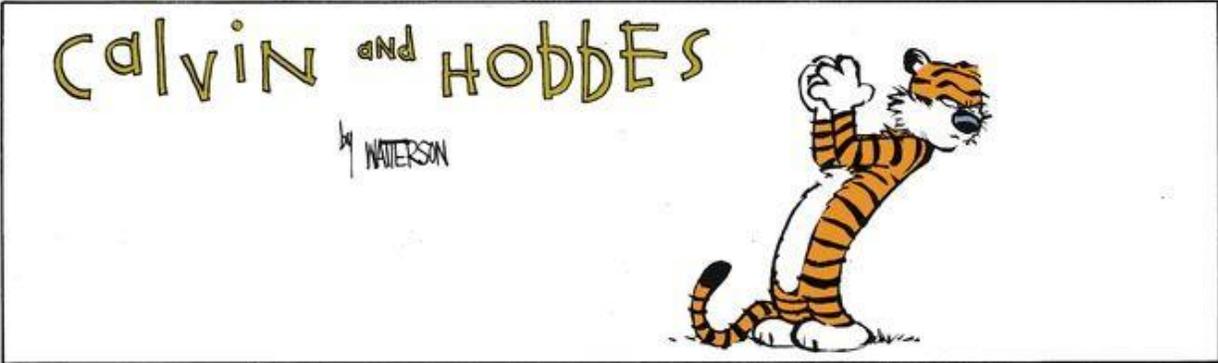
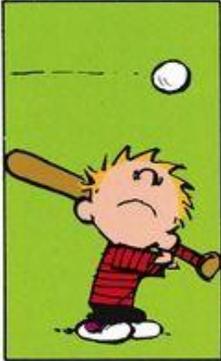
- What can you tell me about this work of art?
 - Probably religious work meant for a tomb because of the hieroglyphs
 - Judging by size, some seem much more important than others
 - Pretty stiff

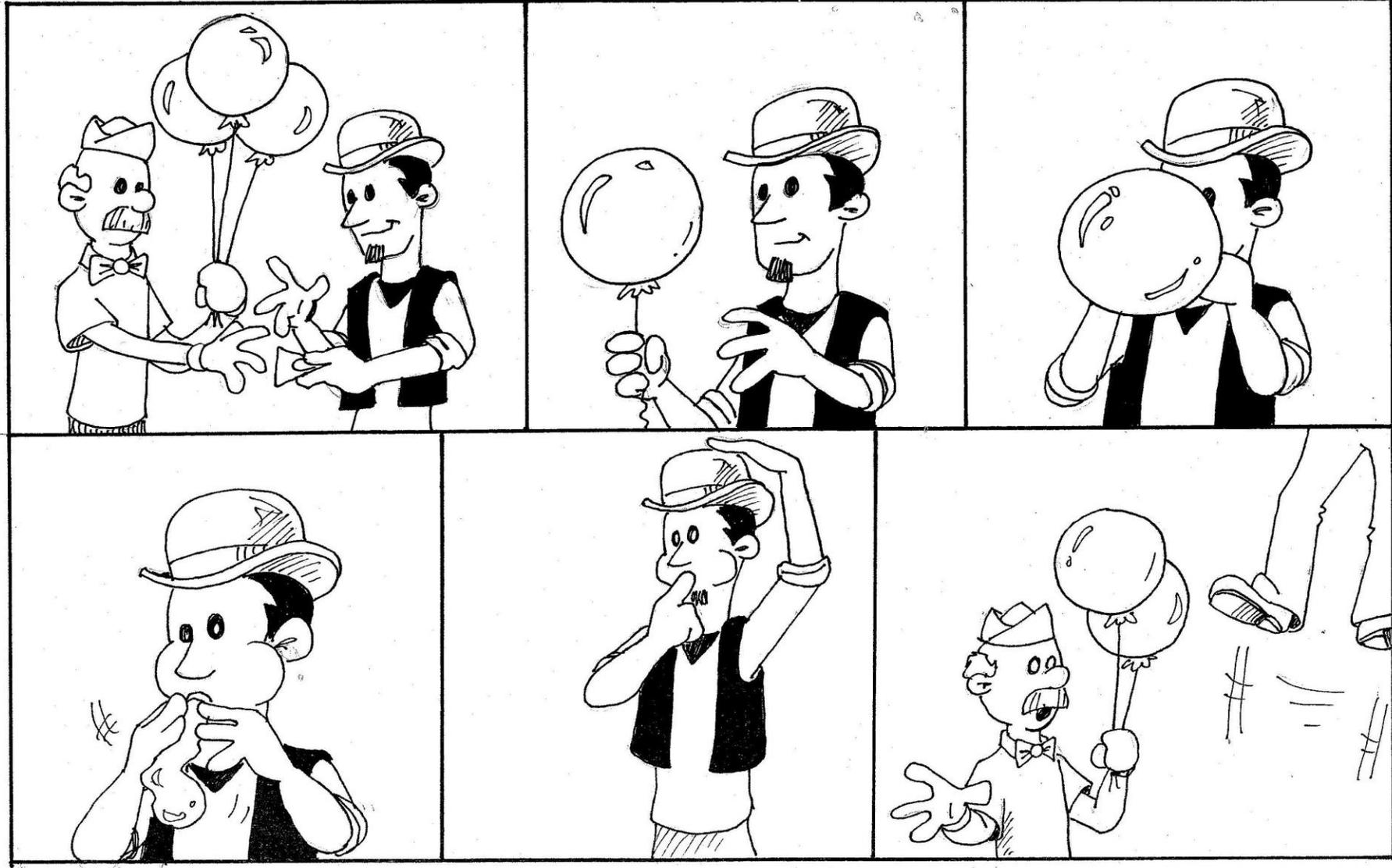
Project

- Create five hieroglyphs that will tell a story when put together, like a comic strip. Don't use any words!
- Don't tell people what you are drawing!
- If you would like, once everyone's done you can present your artwork and have people guess what the story is

Calvin and Hobbes

by WATERS

The title page of the comic strip 'Calvin and Hobbes' by Bill Watterson. The title 'CALVIN AND HOBBS' is written in a stylized, hand-drawn font. Below it, 'by WATERS' is written in a smaller font. To the right, the tiger Hobbes is shown in a playful, upright posture, looking towards the left.



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If you want to know more...

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/world-history-beginnings/ancient-egypt-hittites/a/egypt-article>
 - Free mini course by Khan Academy about the history of Ancient Egypt
- <https://www.britannica.com/place/ancient-Egypt>
 - Overview of the history and culture of Ancient Egypt from the Encyclopedia Britannica
- <https://www.britannica.com/topic/hieroglyphic-writing>
 - Overview Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs from the Encyclopedia Britannica
- <https://www.livescience.com/55578-egyptian-civilization.html>
 - History of Ancient Egypt from Live Science
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/egyptians/>
 - Collection of articles about the history of Ancient Egypt from BBC

More resources

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3Wvw6BivVI>
 - Crash Course History overview lesson on Ancient Egypt. Visual and easy to follow.
- <https://www.si.edu/spotlight/ancient-egypt/pyramid>
 - Information about the ancient Egyptian pyramids from the Smithsonian
- <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/archaeology-and-history/archaeology/giza-pyramids/>
 - More information about the pyramids from National Geographic