

Ancient Egypt

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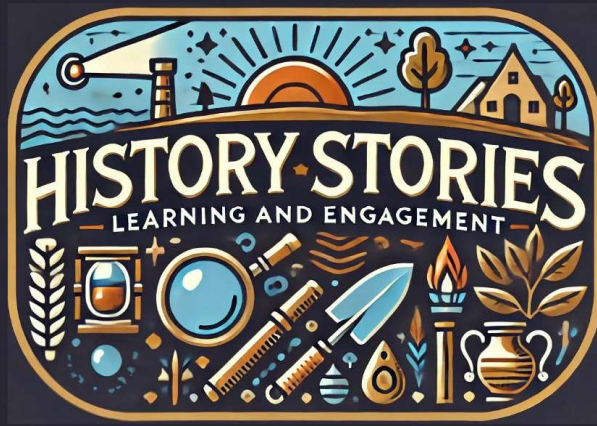
Bead necklace about 1300BC



Scarab seal amulet c2000BC

Eye or Horus amulet 1st Millenium BC





Osiris

In Ancient Egyptian religion, Osiris was god of the underworld and the king of the dead. People believed that they would be judged by Osiris when they died and that he would decide whether they would be given eternal life after death or be eaten by the Devourer. Osiris was also god of agriculture. He was thought to control the fertility of the land and the growth of crops.

Osiris bronze statue

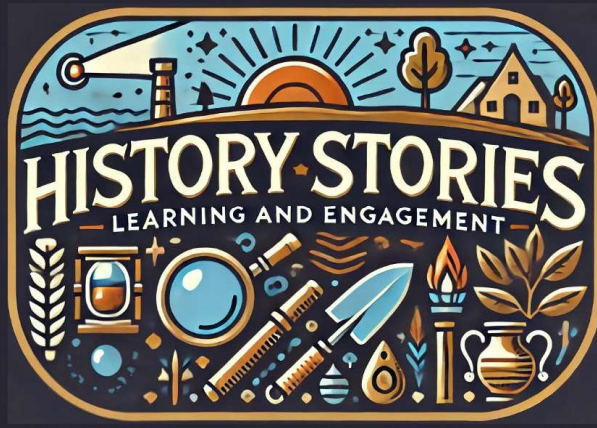
This bronze statue dates from 300 – 400 BC. It shows Osiris as a mummy holding a crook and a flail and wearing the white crown of Upper Egypt. The peg below the feet would have been pushed into a wooden plinth. The statue might have been placed in a tomb or in a shrine in the owners home.



Djed Pillar amulet

This amulet, called a djed pillar, is between 2300 and 3000 years old. It represents the backbone of Osiris and is made from *faience*, a type of crude glass. The hole through the amulet allowed it to be strung on a necklace or sewn into the wrappings of a mummy.





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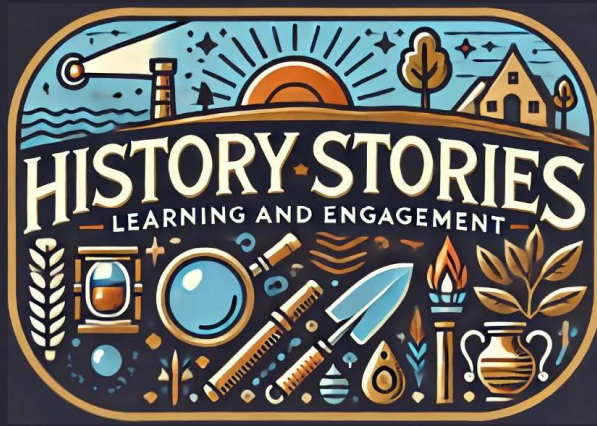


Scarab seal amulet



Amulet of Sokar about 600BC

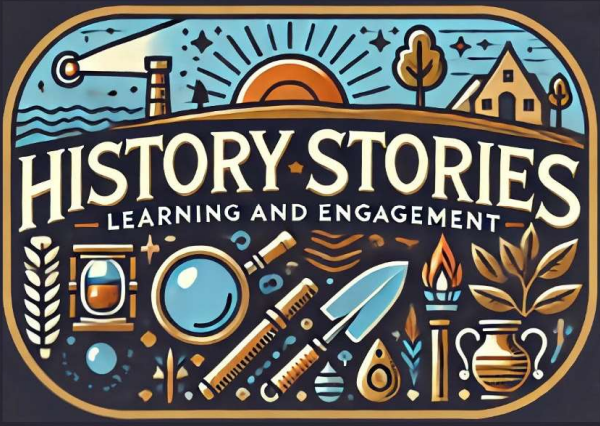




Necklace

Scarab seal

Eye of Horus



Bronze Statue of Osiris
400 - 300 BC



Djed Pillar Amulet
1000 - 300 BC



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Scarab



Amulet of Sokar