

Pharaohs

Pharaohs were the king or queen of Egypt. They owned everything in Egypt and decided how the country was run. They were the most rich and powerful people in Egypt.

Viziers

Viziers were extremely powerful. They helped pharaohs run the country and acted as judges in the high court. They had to speak to the pharaoh for the other officials.

Nobles

Nobles ran the different provinces of Egypt. They made and enforced local laws. Being a noble was hereditary- the job was passed down in families.

Priests

Priests were responsible for keeping the gods happy. They spent their time performing rituals and ceremonies in the temples. They didn't preach to people.

Scribes

Scribes were very important because they were the only people who could read and write. They kept records, using hieroglyphics, about the things that happened in Egypt.

Slaves

Slaves were usually captured during wars, therefore often weren't Egyptians. They worked in the homes of the pharaoh and rich families. They would be killed with their master to take care of them in the afterlife. They had no rights and no property of their own.

Craftsmen

Craftsmen were very skilled labourers. They made pottery, woven items, jewellery, shoes, clothes, statues and items with leather.

Farmers

Farmers didn't own their own land; instead they farmed the land that belonged to the pharaoh, nobles and other rich Egyptians in return for food clothes and a home. They would pay rent to the landowner from the money they made from their crops. Most Egyptians were farmers.

Soldiers

Soldiers guarded the country from its enemies. They were extremely brave and heroic and were often rewarded with land and riches.