

# EGYPTIAN (Temples and Pyramid)



**Egyptian temples** were built for the official worship of the gods and commemoration of pharaohs in Ancient Egypt. **Temples were seen as houses for the gods or kings to whom they were dedicated.**

Seti I performs rituals before the god Amun. From the Temple of Seti I at Abydos.



**The temple axis might also be designed to align with locations of religious significance, such as the site of a neighboring temple or the rising place of the sun or particular stars. The Great Temple of Abu Simbel, for instance, is aligned so that twice a year the rising sun illuminates the statues of the gods in its innermost room. Most temples, however, were aligned toward the Nile with an axis running roughly east–west.**

Hieroglyphic text of the peace treaty between Ramesses II and Hattusili III



# Luxor Temple



**Luxor Temple** is a large Ancient Egyptian temple complex located on the east bank of the Nile River in the city today known as Luxor (ancient Thebes) and was founded in 1400 BCE.



Sitting Ramesses II  
Colossus inside  
Luxor Temple



Statue at Temple  
(Entrance)



The central corridor of the temple

# **PYRAMIDS**

**Built:** From about 2700 to 2500 B.C.

**Location:** Giza, Egypt, west bank of River Nile  
near Cairo

**History:** The Egyptian Pyramids are the oldest  
and only surviving members of the  
ancient wonders.

- **The ancient Egyptians built pyramids as tombs for the pharaohs and their queens.** The pharaohs were buried in pyramids of many different shapes and sizes from before the beginning of the Old Kingdom to the end of the Middle Kingdom.

- There are **about eighty pyramids known today from ancient Egypt. The three largest and best-preserved of these were built at Giza at the beginning of the Old Kingdom.** The most well-known of these pyramids was built for the pharaoh Khufu. It is known as the 'Great Pyramid'.

# Pyramid







# Bent Pyramid

- The **Bent Pyramid** is an ancient Egyptian pyramid located at the royal necropolis of Dahshur, approximately 40 kilometers south of Cairo, built under the Old Kingdom Pharaoh Sneferu. A unique example of early pyramid development in Egypt.



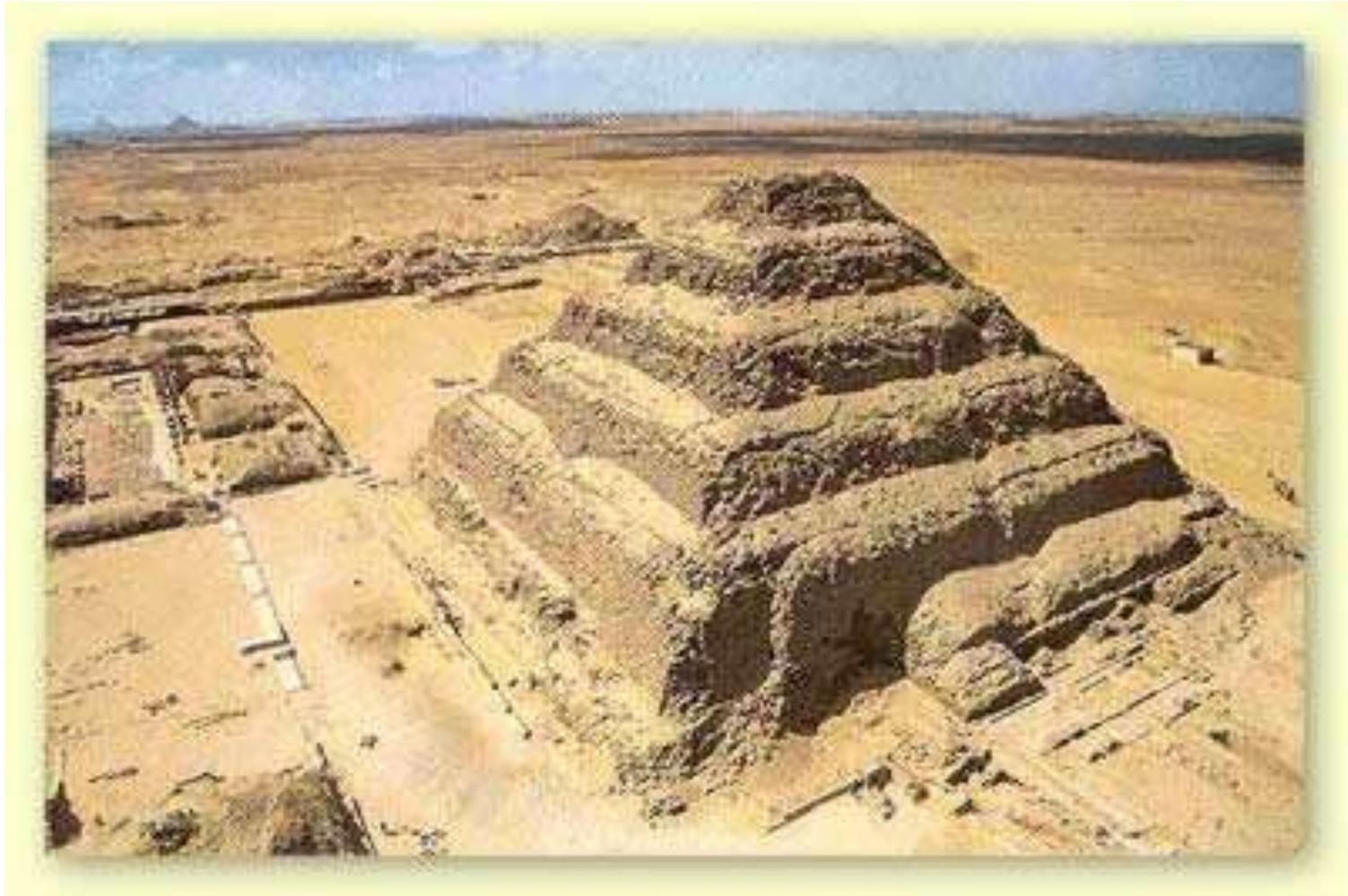
# Bent Pyramid of Snefru.



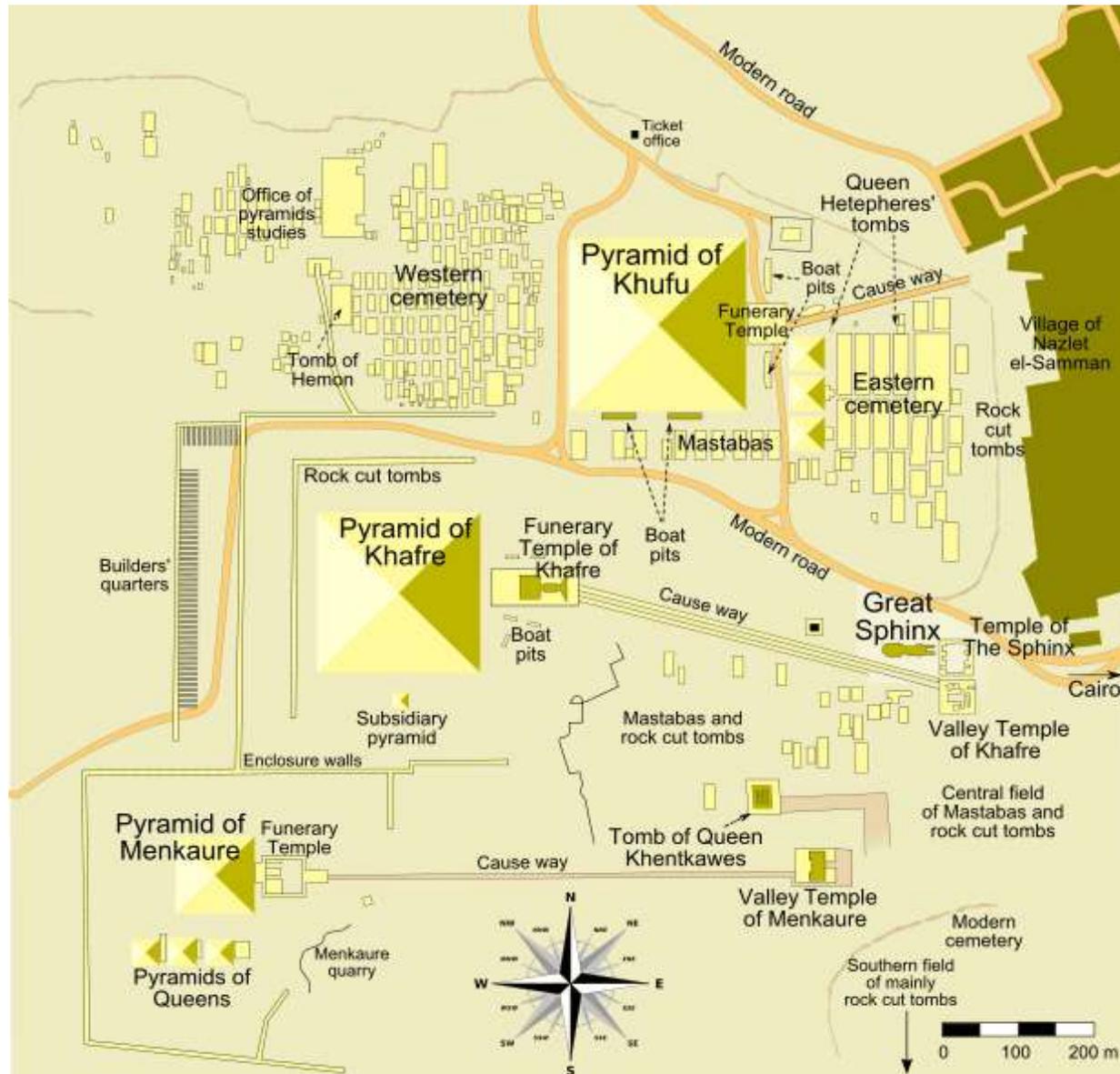
# Stepped pyramids

- **Stepped pyramids** are structures which characterized several cultures throughout history. **These pyramids typically are large and made of several layers of stone.**

# Stepped pyramid

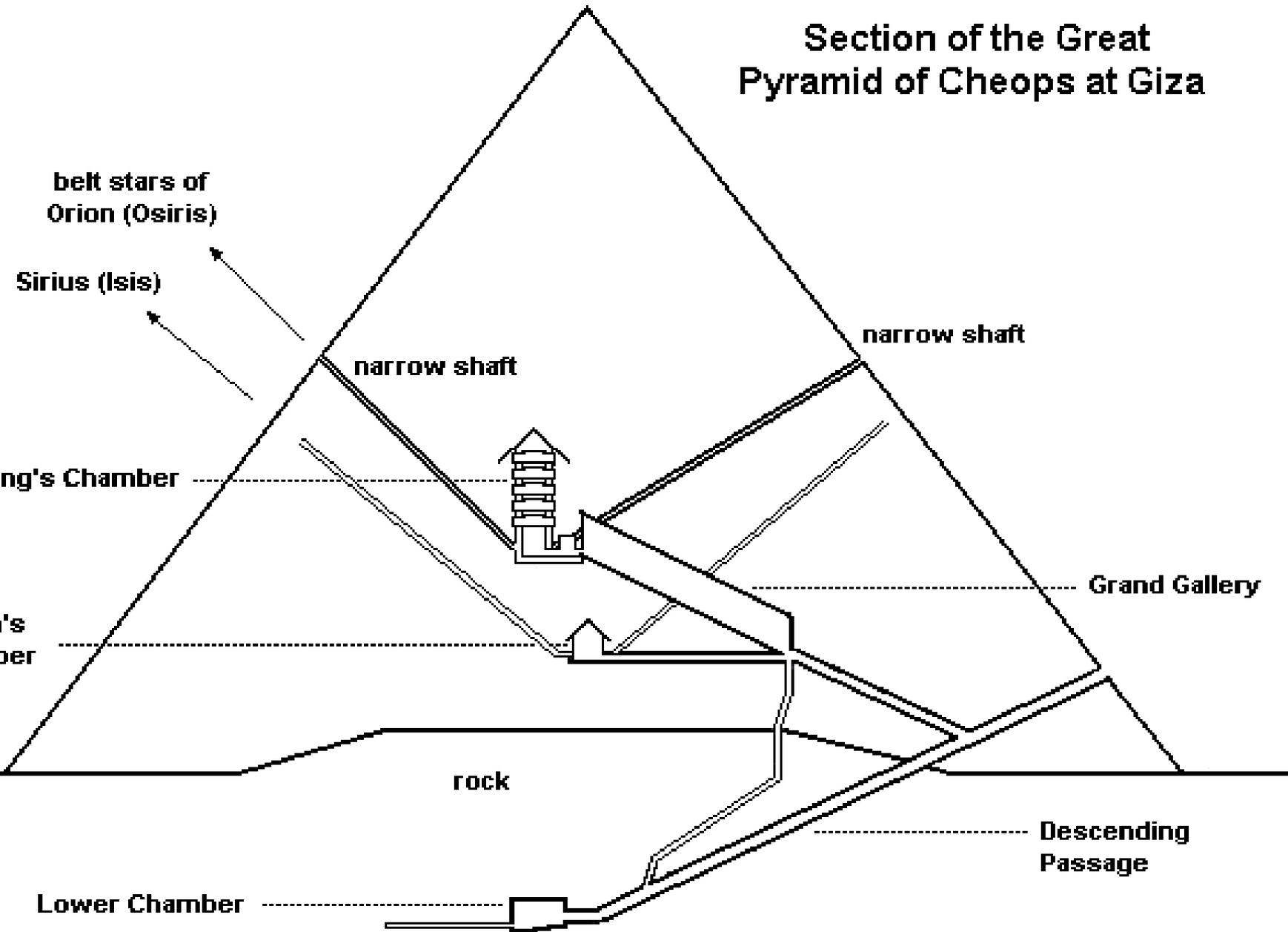


# Map

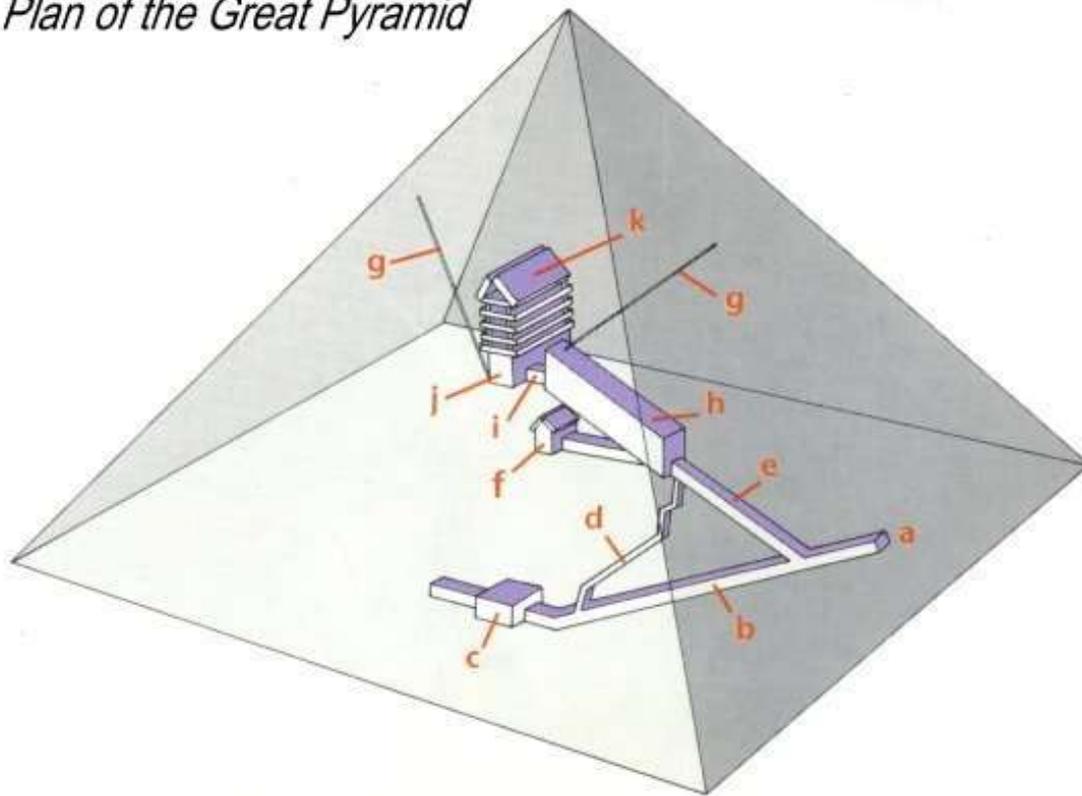




# Section of the Great Pyramid of Cheops at Giza



## *Plan of the Great Pyramid*



### *AXONOMETRIC VIEW OF THE PYRAMID OF KHUFU*

- a.** Entrance
- b.** Descending corridor
- c.** Underground chamber
- d.** Service corridor
- e.** Ascending corridor
- f.** Queen's room
- g.** Air shafts
- h.** Great Gallery
- i.** Antechamber
- j.** King's chamber
- k.** Weight relief chambers

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Height 146.5 metres (481 ft), Base 230.4 metres (756 ft)

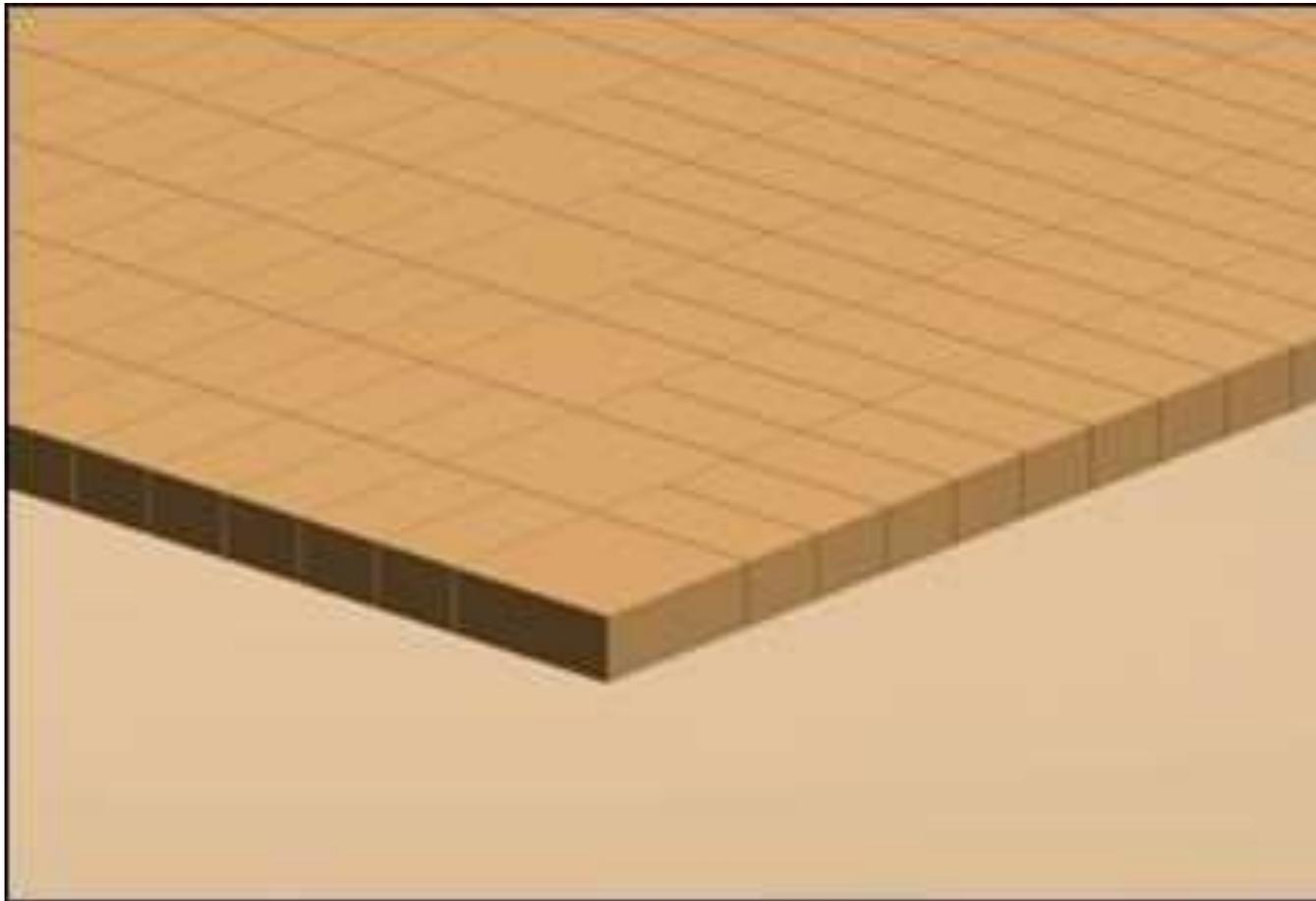
## OUT LINE

They planned a large pyramid- the largest one ever built in 'ancient Egypt.



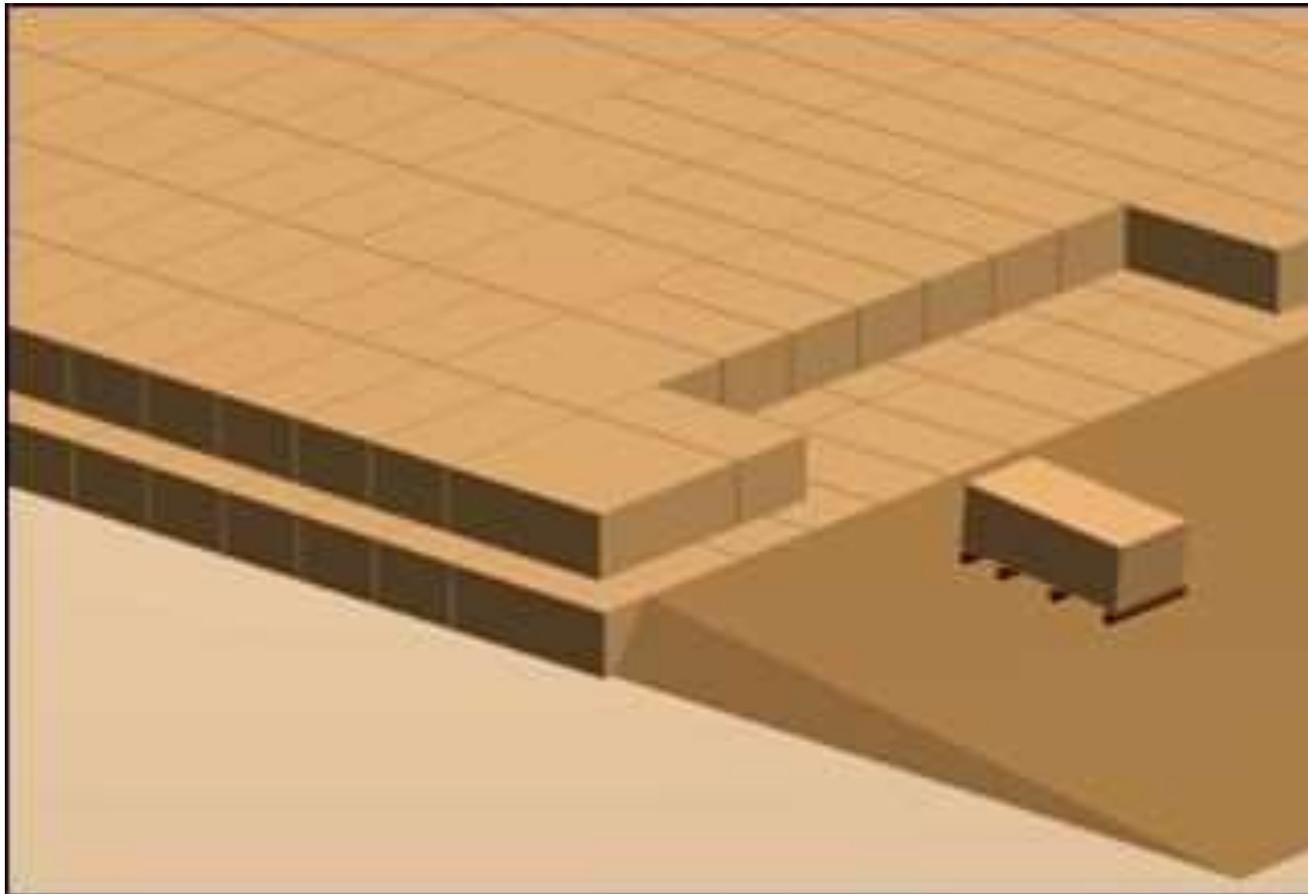
## FIRST LEVEL

- Then the building began.
- Large blocks of stone were cut from quarries nearby.



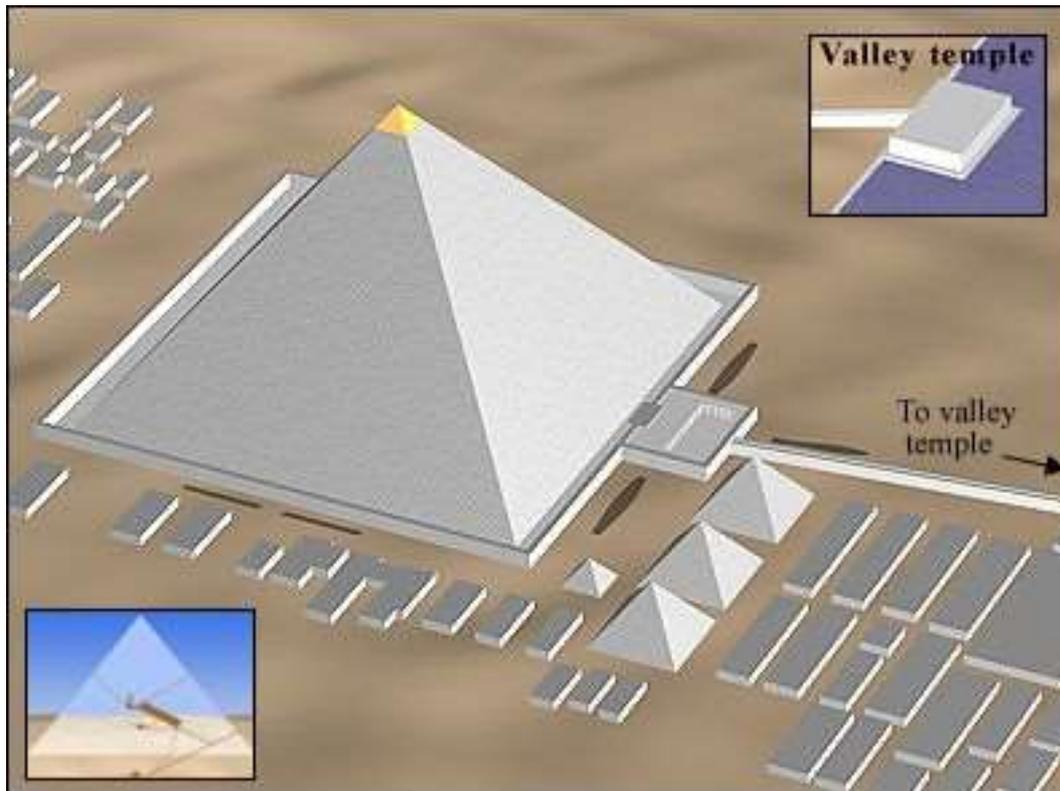
## SECOND LEVEL

- After the first level of blocks was in place
- The workers built ramps of mud brick,



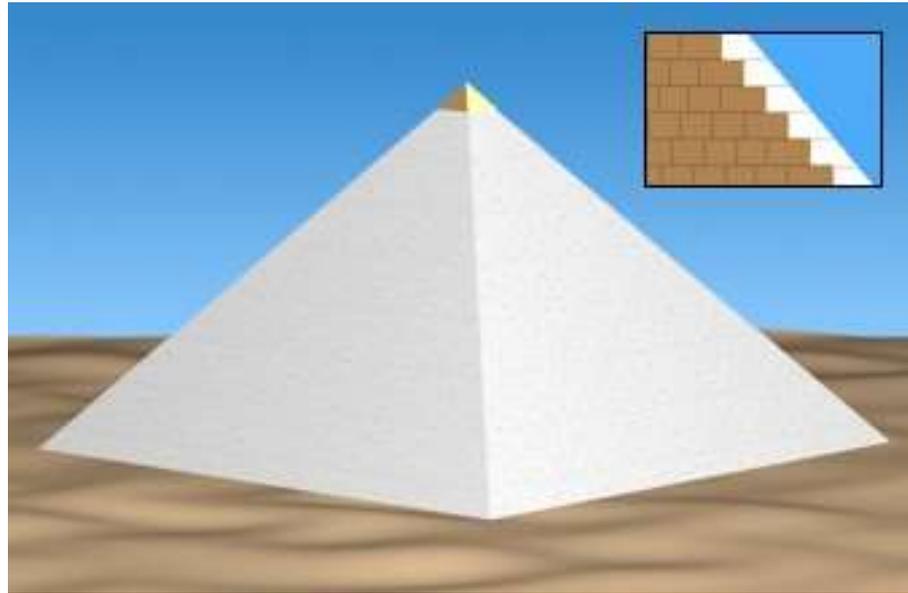
## OUT SIDE THE PYRAMID

- For about 20 years, hundreds of men worked on building the pyramid.



# TOP OF THE PYAMID

- When the pyramid was almost finished.
- A special block covered in shining metal (either gold or electrum) was placed on the top of the pyramid.



The **Great Sphinx of Giza** commonly referred to as the **Sphinx**, is a limestone statue of a reclining sphinx (a mythical creature with a lion's body and a human head) that stands on the Giza Plateau on the west bank of the Nile in Giza, Egypt.

# Great Sphinx



