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You can also use the information sheet to help you.

Task:

Create a top trumps style fact file (see example) about your favourite gods or goddesses.

You could choose from: Amun, Anubis, Hathor, Horus, Isis, Maat, Osiris, Ra, Sekhmet, Thoth

Anubis

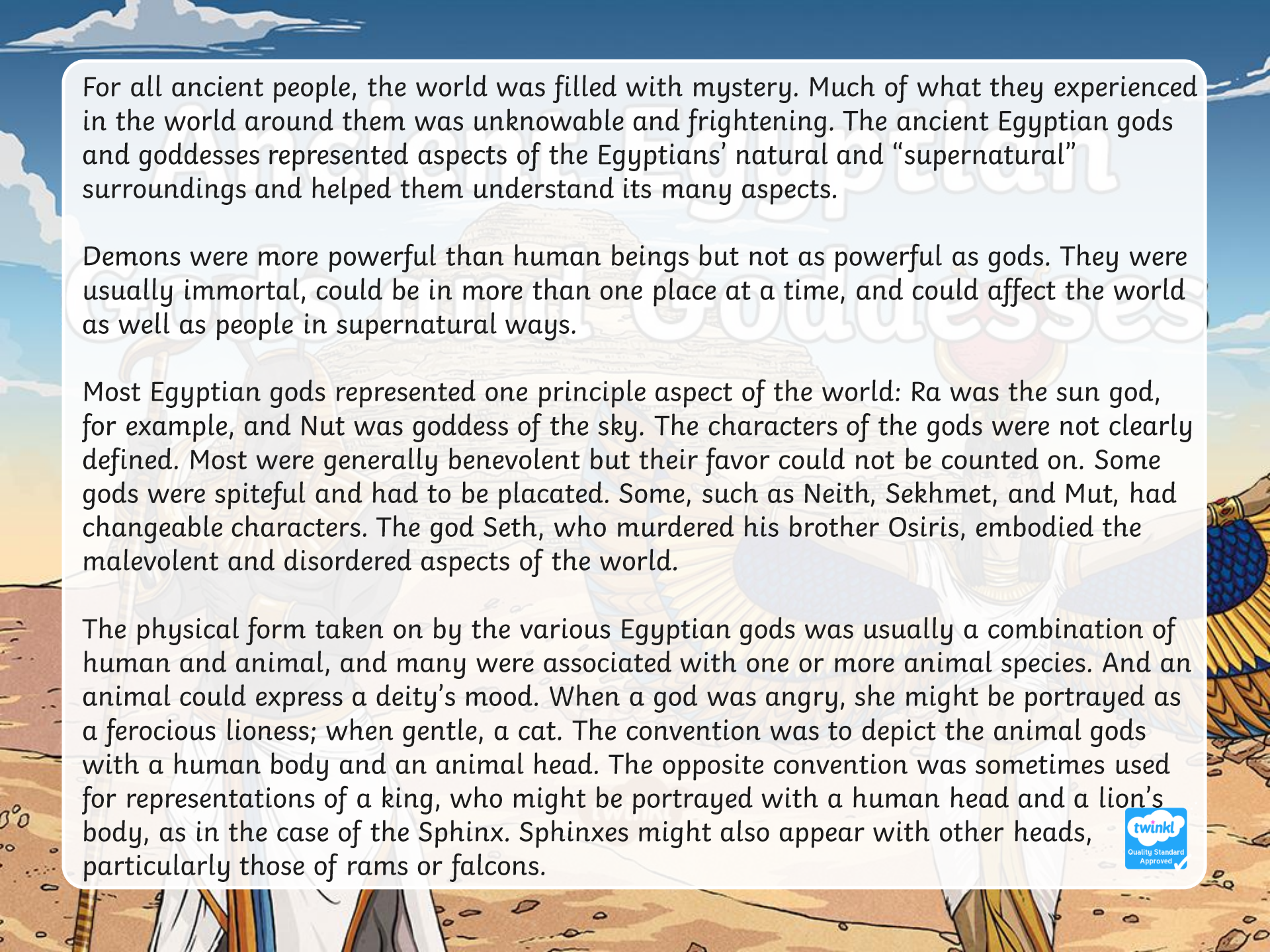
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For all ancient people, the world was filled with mystery. Much of what they experienced in the world around them was unknowable and frightening. The ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses represented aspects of the Egyptians' natural and "supernatural" surroundings and helped them understand its many aspects.

Demons were more powerful than human beings but not as powerful as gods. They were usually immortal, could be in more than one place at a time, and could affect the world as well as people in supernatural ways.

Most Egyptian gods represented one principle aspect of the world: Ra was the sun god, for example, and Nut was goddess of the sky. The characters of the gods were not clearly defined. Most were generally benevolent but their favor could not be counted on. Some gods were spiteful and had to be placated. Some, such as Neith, Sekhmet, and Mut, had changeable characters. The god Seth, who murdered his brother Osiris, embodied the malevolent and disordered aspects of the world.

The physical form taken on by the various Egyptian gods was usually a combination of human and animal, and many were associated with one or more animal species. And an animal could express a deity's mood. When a god was angry, she might be portrayed as a ferocious lioness; when gentle, a cat. The convention was to depict the animal gods with a human body and an animal head. The opposite convention was sometimes used for representations of a king, who might be portrayed with a human head and a lion's body, as in the case of the Sphinx. Sphinxes might also appear with other heads, particularly those of rams or falcons.



NAME: Ra

GOD OF: the sun

Ra was the most important god to all the Egyptians.

It was believed that he was swallowed by Nut the sky goddess every night and born again in the morning.

The Egyptians also believed that Ra travelled through the underworld at night, where he appeared as a man with the head of a ram!



NAME: Anubis

GOD OF: the dead and the process of embalming

It was thought that jackals watched over the dead as they were seen in cemeteries a lot.

Anubis helped to embalm Osiris when he was killed by Seth.

Egyptian priests would wear a mask of Anubis during mummification ceremonies.



NAME: Osiris

GOD OF: the dead and the underworld.

Osiris was also a god of resurrection and fertility.

The Egyptians believed that he gave them the gift of their most important crop, barley.

Osiris was the husband of Isis and the father of Horus.

NAME: Nut and Geb

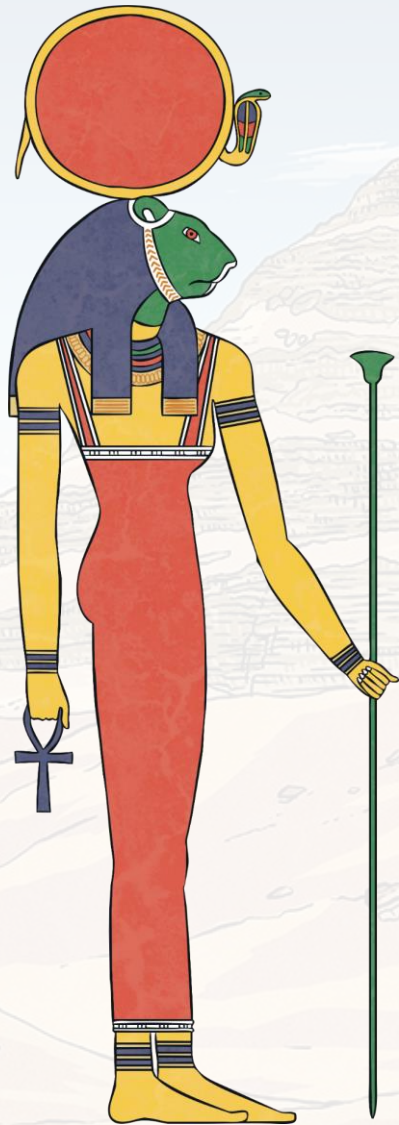
GOD/GODDESS OF: Nut – the sky,
Geb – the earth



Nut's body is stretched across the sky and covered in stars. She and Geb are the parents of Isis and Osiris.

Nut is the sister/wife of Geb and it is believed that Nut swallowed Ra, the sun god at the end of every day and gave birth to him again in the morning.

It was believed that earthquakes are caused by Geb's laughing.



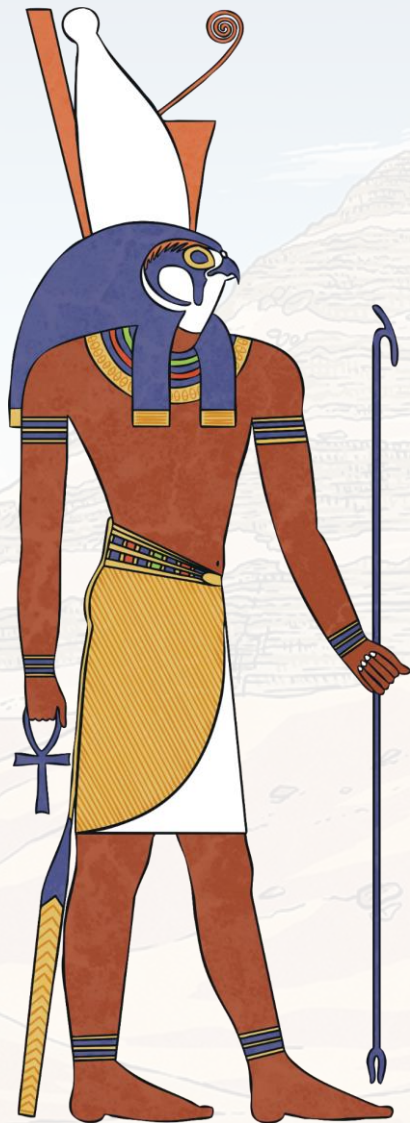
NAME: Sekhmet

GODDESS OF: war

Sekhmet means 'the powerful one'!

She is sometimes called the daughter of the sun god Ra.

She is celebrated at the end of battles.



NAME: Horus

GOD OF: the sky

Protector and ruler of Egypt. All living pharaohs were considered a 'living Horus'.

It was believed that Horus was the son of Isis and Osiris.

Horus became a ruler of the living after losing an eye in a battle and having it restored. The eye then became a symbol of protection.



NAME: Thoth

GOD OF: writing and knowledge

Thoth could also appear as a baboon.

It was believed that Thoth gave the Egyptians the gift of hieroglyphs.

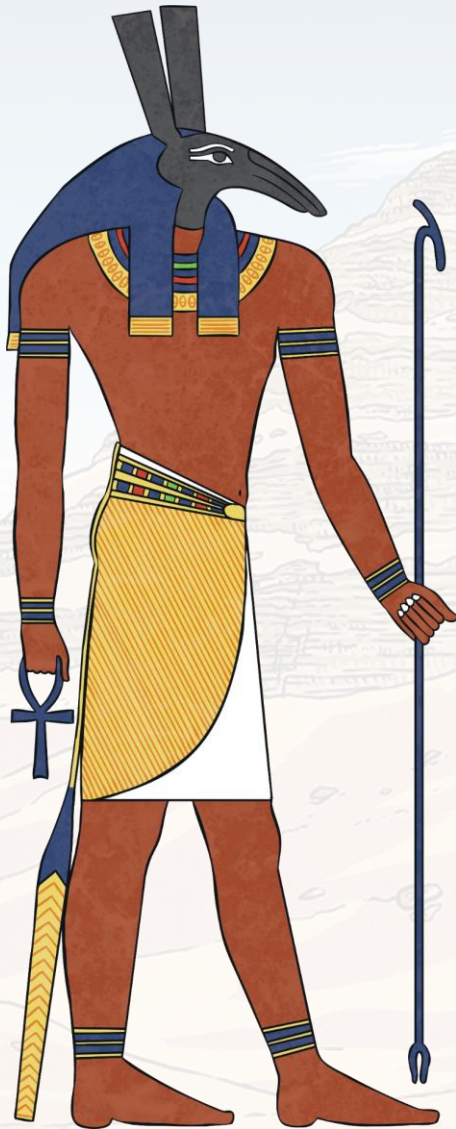


NAME: Isis

GODDESS OF: protecting the needy.

Isis is the wife of Osiris. Each pharaoh of the time was considered a 'living Horus' so she was very important as their wife.

She is also the mother of Horus and has him sitting on her lap.



NAME: Set

GOD OF: chaos, the desert and storms.

Set is the son of Geb and Nut. He is the father of the jackal-headed god Anubis.

Set represented everything that threatened peace in ancient Egypt, such as war, disease and destruction.

Set is seen as a strong and dangerous god but not completely evil. He is a friend to the dead, helping them rise to heaven on his ladder.



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