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Teacher Key

1. Describe the process of mummification.

Mummification is when a body is washed, has its organs removed, and then preserved using chemicals. Mummies were then placed inside a sarcophagus and a tomb.

2. Why did ancient Egyptians place artifacts inside Egyptian tombs?

Answers will vary: To protect them in the afterlife, to honor their accomplishments while they were alive.

3. Imagine you are analyzing artifacts in a tomb. You find a gold necklace, a picture of an army on the walls, and a doll. What might these artifacts tell you about the person in the tomb?

Answers will vary: Artifacts could suggest this person was wealthy, this person was a woman, this person was involved in a battle or the military, this person was in a high-level position, this person was a parent or young.