



Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art

Start with Art

Ancient Egypt

MUMMY 101: Social Studies:

OK PASS (listed for 6th grade but applicable to additional grade levels): WS 1.1, 3.1-2, [LA VL 1.1]

Examine the symbols on the mummy Tutu's breastplate (a *primary* source). Then, write down what you believe can be determined about the ancient Egyptian culture based on these images and the translated hieroglyphs. With your class, visit the library to locate, gather, and analyze other sources to confirm or refute the students' suggestions.

Translation of Tutu's Hieroglyphs:

Left Vertical:

"Words said by the Osiris, Foremost of the Westerners, the Great god, who resides in Ta-sha (The Fayum), and Sokar, who is in Ta-Sha, that (they) may give a good burial and invocation of offerings consisting of bread, beer, oxen, and fowl and every good and pure thing to Osiris-Irtirw [Tutu], justified, son of Pahor, justified forever."

Right Vertical:

"Words said by Osiris, the Great God, who resides in Ta-sha and Sokar, who is in Ta-Sha, that [they, literally he] may give a good burial to the Osiris Irtirw [Tutu], justified, son of Pahor, justified, born of Neferseneb, justified for ever and ever."

Middle Block text:

"Words said by Osiris, Foremost of the Westerners, the Great god who is in Ta-sha, Irtirw [Tutu], born of Neferseneb."

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Cartonnage Breastplate of the Mummy Tutu



Look for:

The God Ra

The God Osiris

The God Horus

The Goddess Isis

The Goddess Nephthys

The Goddess Maat
(Winged)

The four sons of Horus:
Imsety, Hapy, Duamutef,
& Qebehsenuef

Tutu in repose

Tutu's Canopic Jars

Tutu's Ba and Ka

The Winged Scarab
Beetle

The Udjat (Eye of Horus)

Hieroglyphs

