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1. How many "Pyramids of Giza" are there?

seven

four

three

two

2. Which pyramid is the largest and oldest of the Pyramids of Giza?

the Pharaoh Pyramid

the Pyramid of Kafre

the Great Pyramid

No one really knows for sure.

3. How many blocks of stone were used to build the largest of the pyramids?

2.3 million

2.5 million

3 million

5 million

4. How long did it take to construct the Great Pyramid?

47 years

200 years

20 years

several lifetimes

5. What is the height of the Pyramid of Kafre?

143 meters

469 meters

65 meters

317 meters

6. When were the pyramids designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site?

more than 4,000 years ago

almost 200 years ago

in 1897

in 1979

Discuss these questions with a friend or classmate.

1. What information from this lecture did you find the most interesting? Why?
2. How long do you think the Pyramids of Giza will last? Will they last forever?
3. What are the advantages / disadvantages of having a famous landmark near the place you live?
4. Why have people always liked to build tall structures?
5. Would you like to visit the Pyramids of Giza? Why? / Why not?
6. What famous landmarks have you visited?

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Located just outside of Cairo, the Pyramids of Giza are a group of three ancient pyramids that were built as tombs for the Pharaohs Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure of the 4th dynasty. The pyramids, which date back to around 2500 BC (or four and a half thousand years ago) are considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and are a popular tourist attraction to this day.

The most well-known pyramid is the Great Pyramid of Giza which was built for Pharaoh Khufu, and it is the largest of the three pyramids. It is also the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and it is the only one of the seven that remains largely intact. The pyramid stands at a height of 147 meters (481 feet). This makes it 45 meters taller than the Statue of Liberty, which stands at 92 meters. The pyramid is made up of over 2.3 million blocks of limestone and granite, with each block weighing an average of 2.5 tons. It is thought that it took around 20 years to construct the pyramid with workers using a combination of ramps and levers to move the blocks into place.

In addition to the Great Pyramid the Pyramids of Giza also include the Pyramid of Khafre and the Pyramid of Menkaure. The Pyramid of Khafre, which was built for Pharaoh Khafre, is slightly smaller than the Great Pyramid, but it is still an impressive structure. It stands at a height of 143 meters (469 feet) and is made up of around 2.3 million blocks of limestone. The Pyramid of Menkaure, which was built for Pharaoh Menkaure, is the smallest of the three pyramids and stands at a height of 65 meters (213 feet).

The Pyramids of Giza are not only an impressive feat of engineering, but also a testament to the wealth and power of the ancient Egyptian Pharaohs. As I mentioned earlier, they have attracted visitors from all over the world for centuries and continue to be an extremely popular tourist destination to this day. In fact, on average, over 14 million tourists visit the pyramids each year. Finally, in 1979, the Pyramids of Giza were designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as they are considered to be an enduring symbol of Egypt's rich cultural heritage.

ANSWER KEY

1. three
2. the Great Pyramid
3. 2.3 million
4. 20 years
5. 143 meters
6. in 1979