Tutankhamun’s life

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Tutankhamun was born at Akhenaten on the year 1341 BC. He was raised at Armana, where he grew up with his father Akhenaten and his mother who might have been Nefertiti or a princess called Kaiya. He began his reign at the age of 9. His original name was Tutankhaten which means the living image of Aten. As well as growing up with his mum and dad Tutankhamun had 6 sisters: Akhesenamun, Meritaten, Neferneferue, Setepenre, Nefernateruaten and his brother Smenkhkare.

**Childhood**

Throughout Tutankhamun’s childhood, he lived in a palace in Armana which was the capital city of Egypt at the time. When Tutankhamun was growing up he learnt how to hunt, fish, through spears and ride chariots. In his later childhood, Tutankhamun attended prince school where he learnt writing, maths, reading, history and much more. He was taught to worship only one god who was the god Aten.

**Becoming Pharaoh and getting married**

Tutankhamun didn’t have very long to prepare himself for becoming Pharaoh because at the age of 9 he became Pharaoh! As well as becoming he also married his half-sister Akhesenamun at the age of 9. During Tutankhamun’s reign he changed his name from Tutankhaten to Tutankhamun which means the living image of Amun. He changed his name to Tutankhamun because he changed the leader of the gods to Amun. Tutankhamun and Akhesenamun had two daughters who both died in their early ages.

**Death**

Tutankhamun died at the age of 19in 1321 BC. People are unsure what he died of. Scientists have made a few guesses that he might have died from a illness, being poisoned, a broken leg that might have went infected he might even been bludgeoned to death. It was most likely he was bludgeoned to death because his skull was found with bone fragments inside of it. He was buried with more than 5000 pieces of gold! As well as being buried with a lot of gold he was also buried with some his strange belongings like his dagger which was made from a meteorite .He was also found with his throne. He was put in 4sacoughiguses. Because he died so young he was given the name The Boy King. He was buried in the valley of the kings and people believe that Nefertiti’s tomb is somewhere near to Tutankhamun’s tomb. He had a very small tomb.

**Conclusion**

After Tutankhamun’s death in 1321 BC, he disappeared into history until 1922 when scientists found his tomb. He only had 10 years of his reign but he is probably the most famous pharaoh that ever lived! So now you know about Tutankhamun. Tutankhamun probably had the shortest reign of being Pharaoh. There are lots of facts about Tutankhamun’s reign.

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