

## Mummification

- Ancient Egyptians & South Americans
- Took up to 70 days to remove the internal organs
- Around 3,000 BC mummies treated the bodies with natural salts that removes damaging liquids within the body. Then the bodies are covered in a warm resin and then 150 yards of linen strips that cover the body in layers
- The naturally preserved mummies as a way to prove that the person existed after death

## Embalming

- 1 step of the mummification process that preserves the body from decomposing completely
- Believed to have started during the Civil War time and President Lincoln encouraged this process that allowed lost soldiers to get returned to their hometowns for a burial
- Formaldehyde is a quick method for disinfecting and preserving a body
- Dr. Thomas Holmes “father of American embalming”
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## Both

- Believed that the full mummification process is not used today but embalming is still used widely in funeral homes

- Ancient Egyptians were thought to originate the mummification and embalming processes but the South Americans started 2,000 years before (around 5,000 BC)

## Other information

- The dead bodies were pickled in things such as vinegar, wine, and stronger spirits
- Egyptian religion had the belief of immortality and physical resurrection
- Egyptian religion also believed that when the elements of life (soul, name, shadow, heart, and body) the person would be resurrected just like the god Osiris
- A more elaborate method used for the royal contained taking out the brain, intestines, and other organs to then wash them in palm wine. Then the organs were placed in a vase filled with herbs. The body gets stitched and covered in hydrated sodium carbonate until the body dries out. The body gets wrapped in cotton bandages with a gummy substance. Only skin and bones remained by the end

### ***Definitions***

- Formaldehyde- colorless, flammable, strong-smelling chemical

## **WEBSITES**

- <https://www.mountainviewfuneralhomeandcemetery.com/embalming-vs-mummification/>
- <https://www.nmfh.org/exhibits/permanent-exhibits/history-of-embalming>
- <https://www.britannica.com/topic/embalming>
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## Notes

Write a eulogy in the perspective of me being a young child at my dads funeral. Look up eulogies and look photos and other info about my father