Egyptian Gods and Goddesses

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Second Grade Class
This book is dedicated to our families.
Anubis has a head of a jackal and a body of a man. He was the god of the dead. This is because jackals were usually seen digging around the tombs. His mother was the goddess Isis. Anubis and another jackal-headed god named Ap-uat guided souls around the afterlife.
Neith was the ancient goddess of war. She was also known as the goddess of wisdom. Neith looks like she is carrying a large spoon or pot on her head. Her job was to protect Duamutet, the god of the stomach.
Hathor was a very old goddess. She was the goddess of the cow, but later was called the goddess of the sky. Hathor is Horus’ wife. Horus is the god of the sky. Isis is Hathor’s mother-in-law. Osiris is Hathor’s father-in-law. She had cow horns on her head. In Thebes, she was the goddess of the dead. Later, she was called the goddess of the sky but she was still the goddess of the cows.
Horus
By Alec Beretz

Horus is one of the most important gods of Egypt. Horus is the god of the sky and the son of Osiris and Isis. Horus’ eye is the symbol of protection.
Re
By Connor Lilley

Re can be spelled two ways: Re, as you see above, or Ra. Re was the sun god. He was shown as a hawk or as a man with a hawk head. Many of the gods and goddesses were related to Re.
Khons
By Josh Reeder

Khons was the god of the moon. There was a story told about Khons playing a game of senet against Thoth (a god). Khons lost the game and had to give some of his light from the moon to Thoth. This is why the moon does not shine bright every day of the month.
Thoth was self-created at the beginning of time. He was shown as a man with the head of an ibis bird and carrying a pen and scrolls. On the scrolls he carried, he recorded all things. Thoth was also said to be the inventor of hieroglyphs.
Selkhet was a scorpion goddess. She was shown as a beautiful woman with a scorpion on her head. Selkhet saved many people from deadly scorpion bites. She would only save the people that she believed to be good.
Mentu
By Sarah Fredrick

Mentu had a falcon face. He was the god of war. Mentu united with Horus, who was the head god of Thebes. I found out you can spell his name Mentu or Montu. He was a boy and his sacred animal was the bull. Mentu had a crown with a disc and two ostrich feathers. He held a phoenix (bird) wand in his left hand and an ankh in his right hand.
Nephthys was called the “Lady of the House.” She was the Egyptian goddess of the dead. She was one of the guardians that guarded the dead body of Osiris. She is shown as a woman wearing a crown with a hieroglyphic symbol for house on it.
Amen

By Joren Sacre

Amen means the “Hidden One.” He was the invisible power source of all earth and the great deep and the underworld. His famous temple, Karnak, was the largest religious building ever built by man. The goose and the ram were special to Amen.
Maat
By Kathryn Darling

Maat was the wife of Thoth and the daughter of Ra. Her name meant truth and justice. She was a tall woman with an ostrich feather in her hair. The feather was used to tell if the dead led a good life.
Sekhmet was a lioness goddess. Ra made her. Ra made her from the fire in his eyes. She was to punish people for being bad but later she was changed into the peaceful goddess of pleasure and happiness.
Apedemak
By Reid Dickerson

Apedemak was a warrior god. He had a lion head. His favorite animal was a big lion. Apedemak is my favorite god because he is a warrior god.
Bast
By Mariel Andersen

Bast protected cats and cat owners. She was worshipped in the Delta City of Bubastis. Cats were very sacred. They were also known to be protectors of their homes. The rattle in Bast’s hand is called a sistrim. She also rules over happiness, dancing and music.
Osiris was the god of the dead. He ruled the world of men in the beginning. He was the protector of the dead. Osiris wore a cone on his head. He lived long ago before anybody in this world did. The Egyptians believed that Osiris gave them the gift of barley. This is one of their most important crops.
Nun
By Heather Crosby

Nun was the god of the universe. He did not have his own temple. Some people call him the Father of the Gods. Sometimes you will see pictures of Nun in waist high water and his arms are pointed to the sun.
Isis was one of the most important goddesses. She was the protective goddess. She used her powerful magic spells to help people in need. Isis was the wife of Osiris and the sister of Set and the twin sister of Nephthys. She was also the mother of Horus. Isis is often shown holding Horus on her lap.
Tefnut was the goddess of moisture and the clouds. She was the daughter of Ra. Tefnut was shown as a woman with the head of a lion. Her name means to spit or to moisten. She is one of the goddesses who is called the Eye of Ra.
Duamutef was one of the four sons of Horus. They protected Osiris’ body parts after he died. The other sons were Imsety, Hapi and Qebhsenuef. Duamutef was the one who watched over the stomach of the dead. The goddess, Neith protected him. He was shown as a canopic jar with a head of a jackal.
Nekhbet was the vulture goddess of Upper Egypt. She was shown as a vulture or as the white crown of Upper Egypt. She was called the mother goddess who protects the king. Nekhbet was responsible for wild birds, death/rebirth, and the creation of life.
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Shabti figures were put into the tomb of a dead person to do their work in the afterlife.
The Game of Senet

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the sign of life
I wonder..........

*I wonder if there are any more goddesses that we do not know about?
*How do the gods and goddesses become gods and goddesses?
*Why was the ibis bird chosen for Thoth?
*Do the Egyptians still believe in gods and goddesses?
*If gods and goddesses were real, what would they do in everyday life?
*Are all the gods and goddesses in the same family?
*At what point in time were all the gods and goddesses alive?
*Did gods and goddesses live in the underworld?
*Where do they all live?
*How did they get their names?
*Did the shabti help the gods and goddesses?
*Who is the most powerful god?
*Was Ra a god that lived in the underworld?
*Who was the first god or goddesses to be created?
*Does each god and goddess have their own separate religion?
*Did the gods and goddesses look over the kings after their death?
*Did Thoth always carry the feathered pen and scroll?
*Who took care of the scales of truth after Maat was gone?
* How far up in the sky did they live if they were a sky god?