

Ancient Egypt – War and Conflict

The ancient Egyptians built one of the greatest civilisations in history. To protect it, they needed a strong army. The pharaoh was in charge of the army and was seen as a great warrior chosen by the gods. Egyptian soldiers were trained to use weapons such as bows and arrows, spears, axes, and shields.

One of Egypt's most famous battles was the Battle of Kadesh, fought around 1274 BC. Pharaoh Ramesses II led his army against a group called the Hittites. It was one of the earliest battles in history that we know a lot about. Although neither side truly won, Ramesses declared it a great victory for Egypt.

The Egyptians also used war chariots, which were fast two-wheeled vehicles pulled by horses. Soldiers in chariots could fire arrows at enemies while moving quickly across the battlefield. The Egyptian army also included foot soldiers and scouts.

Questions

1. What was the pharaoh's role in the army?
2. How was the pharaoh viewed by the Egyptian people?
3. Name two weapons used by Egyptian soldiers.
4. When was the Battle of Kadesh fought?
5. Who did Ramesses II fight against at Kadesh?
6. Why is the Battle of Kadesh historically important?
7. What is a war chariot?
8. How did soldiers use chariots in battle?
9. Name one other type of soldier in the Egyptian army besides chariot soldiers.
10. Even though neither side won the Battle of Kadesh, why do you think Ramesses II told everyone it was a great victory?



Text B Quiz

