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The Great Pyramid of Giza is the largest one

The Great Pyramid of Giza is the last survivor of the Seven Wonders of the World and was built by Pharaoh Khufu. The Pyramid of Giza was built starting around 2470 BC and is so important because it is the oldest of the ancient world's wonders. It is also the largest of the three pyramids (pictured above) at the Giza Necropolis.

The Pyramid of Giza was built by the people sliding bricks up a ramp and then placing them there. Scientists don't know much more about the process of it being built because it is too complex.

The people who built the pyramid lived in a nearby temporary city. Egyptologists believed it took ten years just to build the ramp. It took twenty years to construct the pyramid itself.

Why was the Pyramid of Giza so important? It is important because it's the **TALLEST** and the **OLDEST** of all three Giza Pyramids! It is 481 feet tall (147 meters)! It was the tallest man made structure in the world for more than 3,800 years.

This pyramid is mainly about the Pharaoh Khufu. The reason this pyramid is about him is because in Egypt they got to say what they wanted their pyramid to look like. So all the pharaohs got a burial place. Most of them thought that whatever they put in the pyramid would go with them in the afterlife.

A really cool fact is that each stone that makes-up the Great Pyramid weighs 2 TONS! Another really awesome fact is that they used over two million stone blocks to build Khufu's pyramid, and the heaviest blocks weigh around nine tons!

The Pyramids of Giza were more ancient to the ancient Romans than Ancient Rome is to us! Khufu married Maritie who is either his sister or half-sister.

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