



# Canopic Jars



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During the process of mummification, all of the major organs were removed and placed in canopic jars. Jars were used by ancient Egyptians to hold mummified remains.

During mummification, the organs of the human body were removed and preserved in these canopic jars.

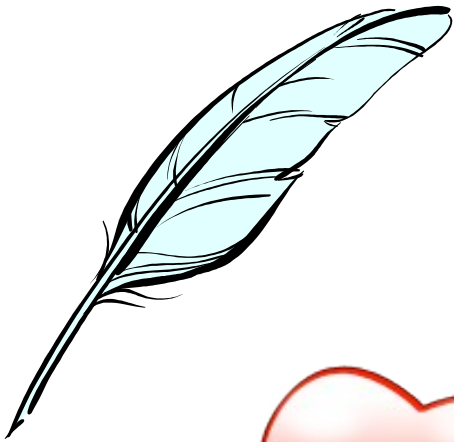




The person's liver, intestines, lungs and stomach were placed in canopic jars. Each organ was placed in a special jar with a top representing an animal or human head.



The heart was left inside the body because the Egyptians believed that in the afterlife it would be weighed to see whether the person had led a good life.



The Canopic Jars were decorated with the heads of the four sons of Horus. Each canopic jar guarded a different organ.

The four canopic jars were put into a special chest which went into the tomb with the mummy.



Click on each canopic jar to find out more...

Hapy had a baboon head and protected the lungs.

Imsety had a human head and protected the liver.



Qebhsenuf had the head of a falcon and guarded the intestines.

Duamatef had the head of a jackal, and guarded the stomach.