

# King Tut On the Move

Artifacts from the tomb of King Tut -- the “Boy King” of ancient Egypt -- are traveling this fall and winter to four U.S. cities.

King Tut ruled Egypt from about 1361 to 1352 B.C. He was one of the youngest pharaohs, a type of ancient Egyptian king, to rule Egypt. King Tut became ruler of Egypt when he was 10. He died at about age 19.

King Tut’s tomb is one of only a few pharaohs’ tombs that remained almost untouched for thousands of years. When King Tut died, he was mummified and buried in a tomb with many objects his followers thought he would need in the next life. His tomb was discovered in 1922.

The traveling exhibit includes 130 objects. About 60 of the objects came from King Tut’s tomb. Others came from the tombs of other Egyptian pharaohs. The exhibit also includes high-tech scans of King Tut’s mummy. The scans helped scientists learn about the how the young king looked and how he might have died. After reviewing the scans, most scientists think that King Tut died of an infected broken leg. For a long time, scientists thought he died from being hit on the head.



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| scans     | Egypt     |
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## **MORE FACTS ABOUT KING TUT**

- The artifacts are on display at the Los Angeles County (California) Museum of Art until November. After that, the exhibit will move to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for about a month. Then it will go to Chicago, Illinois, until May 2006. Finally, it will travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where it will remain until February 2007. Then Tut’s artifacts head back to Egypt.

## **THINK ABOUT THE NEWS**

- If you could interview King Tut today, what would ask him?
- If you were mummified and buried with objects that have special meaning in your life, what objects would scientists find when they discover your tomb in 1,000 years?