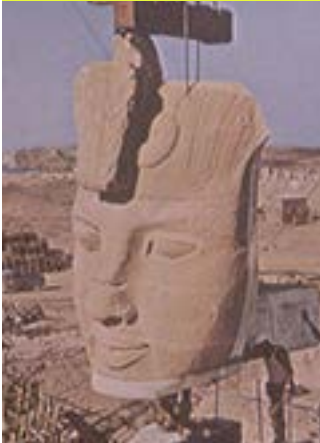


It's A Fact!

Ramses II was said to have had around 100 children

The Temple took twenty years to complete

The Temple moved a total of 60 feet uphill



Ramses had many wives, but his most fond wife was Nefertari

Ramses II led several military expeditions into the Levant, re-asserting Egyptian control over Canaan. He also led expeditions to the south, into Nubia, commemorated in inscriptions at Beit el-Wali and Gerf Hussein.

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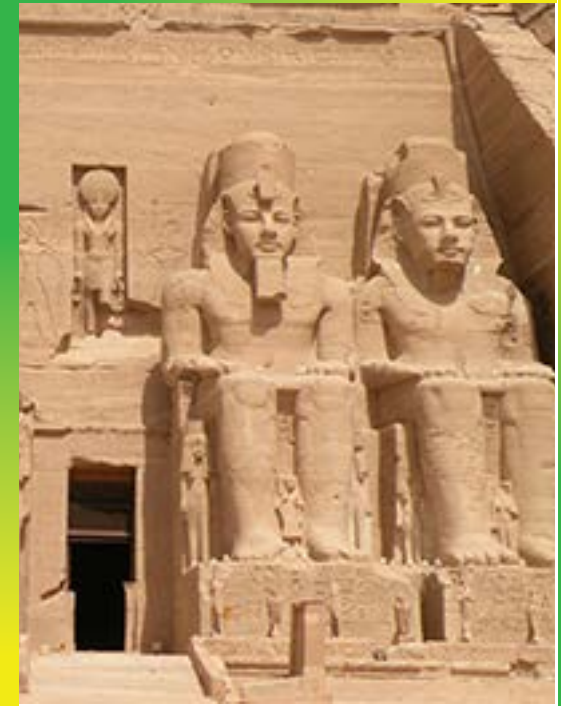
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Temple of Ramses II

Abu Simbel, Egypt
Dynasty XIX ca 1290-1224 BCE



Hannah Langford

The King

Birth:
1303
BCE

Death:
1213
BCE



King Ramses reined for 66 years.

Also known as Usermare Ramses

Was appointed as successor to the throne when he was only 14.

Ramses was also cited as one of the most powerful Pharaohs, or also, "Ramses the great".

The Temple

The Temple itself was built by Ramses to demonstrate his power and good nature.



Four huge statues of Ramses II sit in pairs by the entrance.

The Temple was dedicated to Ptah, Amun-Re and Re-Harakhte, and of course to the Pharaoh Ramses II himself.

Moving the Temple

The Temple move took 19 months to recreate and was completed in 1968. It was moved due to flooding caused by the construction of the Aswan Dam.

The Temple was deconstructed into half ton blocks and reassembled using a series of cranes. It now looks no different from when it was completed in 1265 BCE.

Because the original temple was built into a rock, they had to take apart the rock, build an arched structure around the art, and add the original rock back onto the temple.

