

# The Later 18<sup>th</sup> Dynasty and Amarna

Amenhotep III and Akhenaten

# Egyptian and Hittite Empires



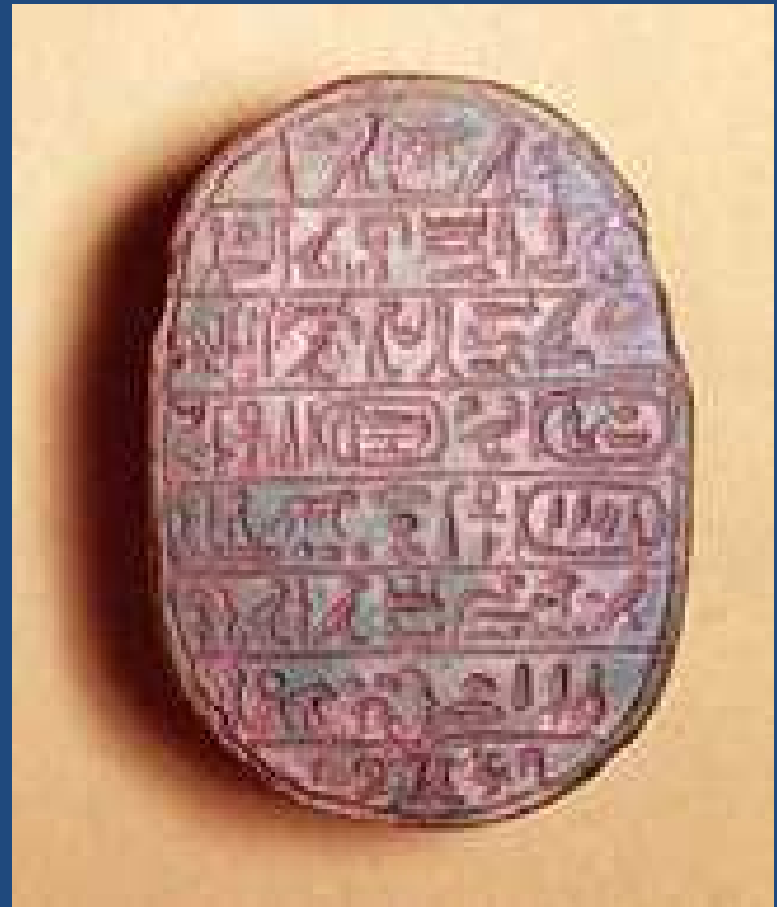
# Reign of Amenhotep III (1390-1353 BC)

- Ruled 38 years
- Peace and prosperity
- Not sure who shared in prosperity
- Came to throne as a child (2 to 12) but married by Year 2 of his reign



# Early marriage to Tiye

- Married a daughter of an Akhmim family
- Parents Yuya and Tuya possibly help rule in his youth
- Perhaps Yuya is King Ay
- Marriage published in a series of scarabs



# Coffin of Tuya (Tiye's Mother)



# Building Program

- Peace meant resources used for building temples
- Theban area included his Mortuary Temple, Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, Palace at Malkata



# Mortuary Temple is Largest in Egypt





# Colossoi of Memnon at front



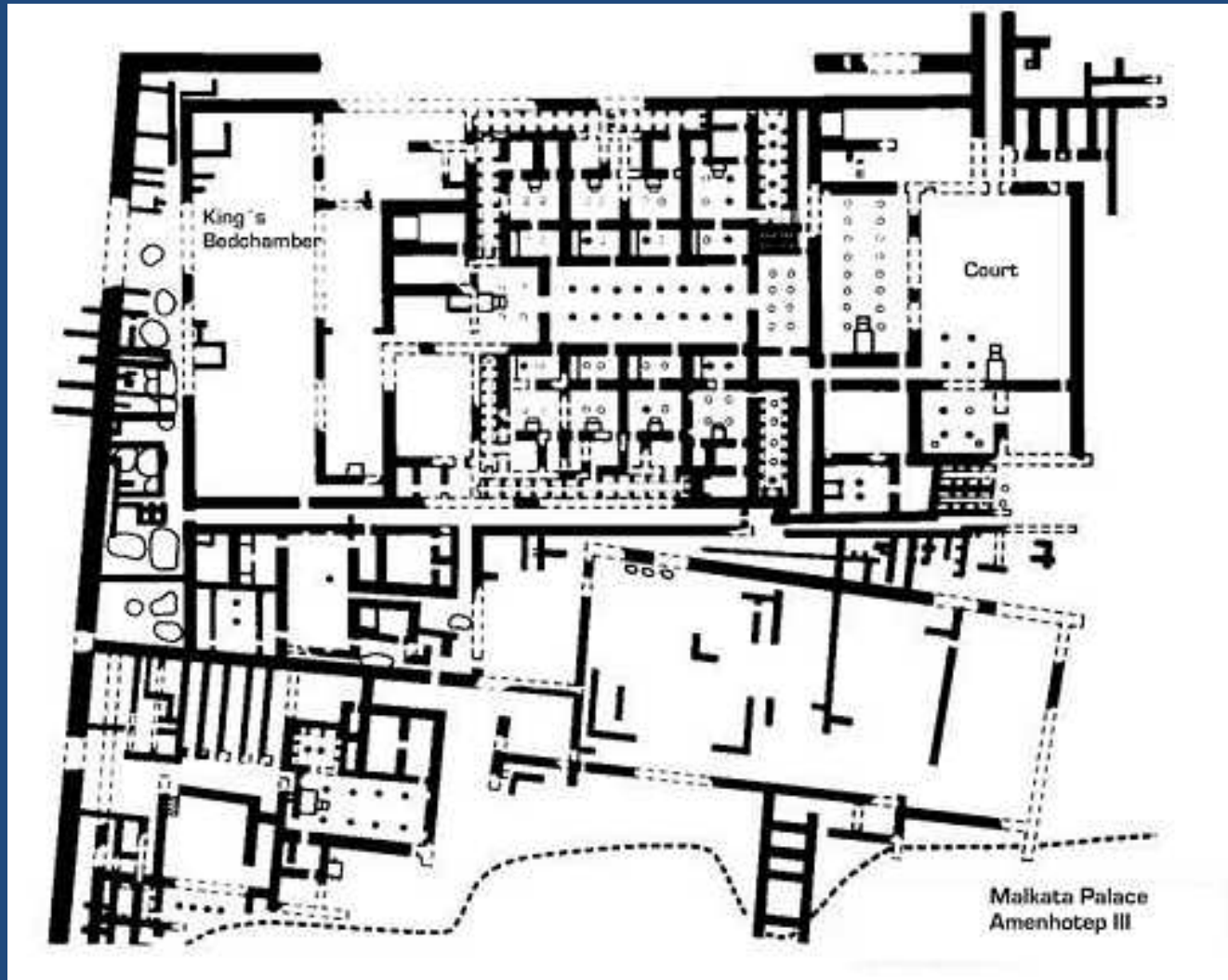


# 600 Sakhmet Statues in front of Mortuary Temple



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# “The Gleaming Aten” = Malkata Palace



# Decoration from Malkata

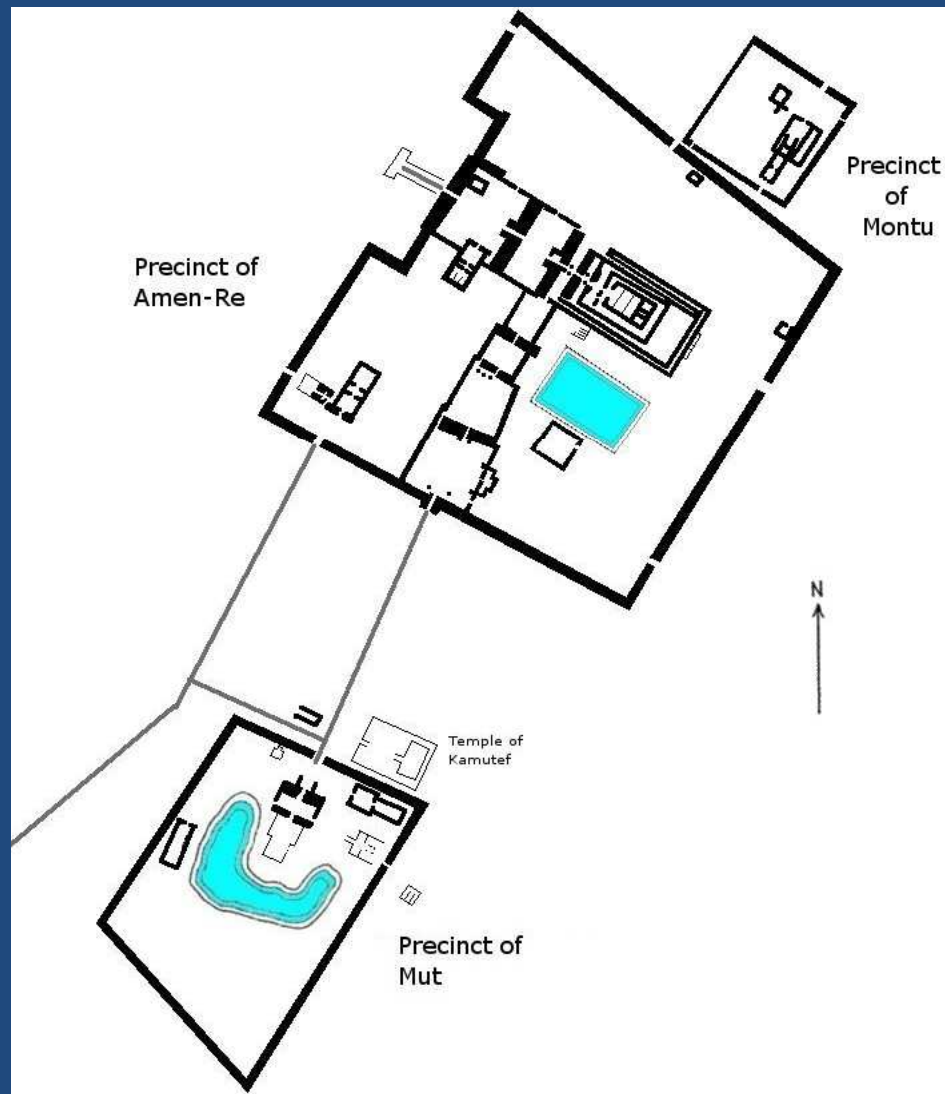


# Malkata Palace

- Otherwise little is preserved



# Construction at Karnak Temple



# Karnak in time of Amenhotep III (model)



# Karnak Temple

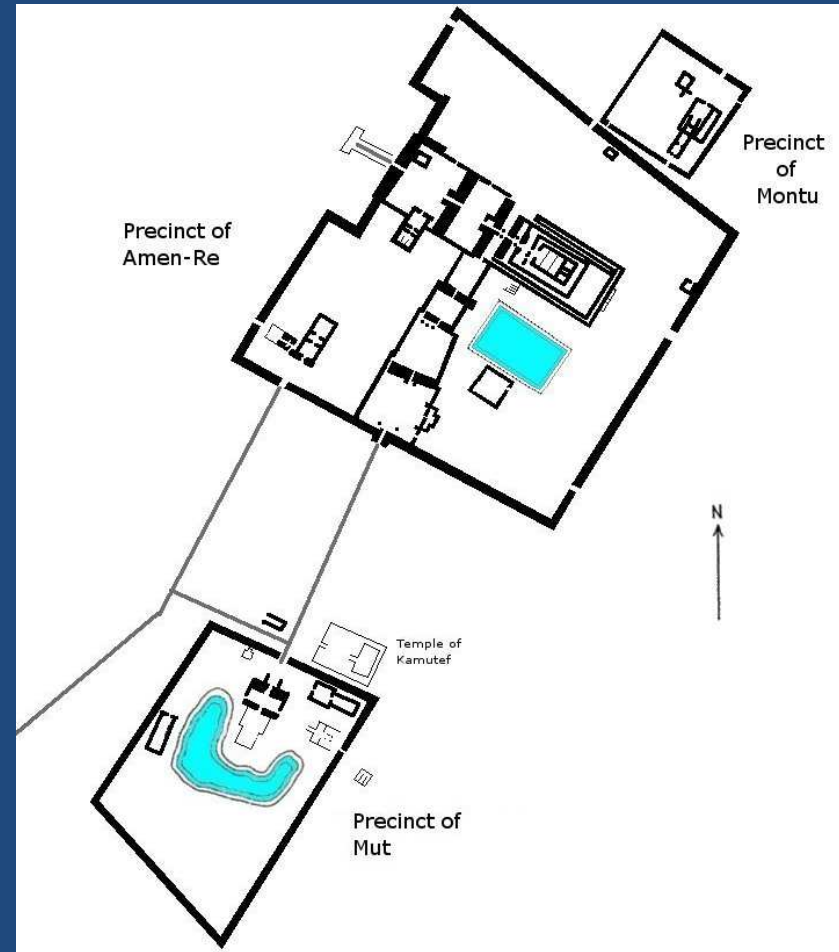
- New entrance, now the third pylon





# New Temple on South and North

- South temple dedicated to Mut
- North Temple dedicated to Ma'at
- Both of these goddesses represent the “Eyes of Re”
- An attempt to show that A III represents stability like Re



# Luxor Temple Amenhotep III's court behind Ramesses II's Pylon



# Luxor Temple

- Built area to celebrate Opet Festival that celebrated divine renewal of kingship
- Built birth room to illustrate his divine birth just like Hatshepsut



# Queen Tiye

- Tiye was most powerful woman of the reign and she outlived Amenhotep III

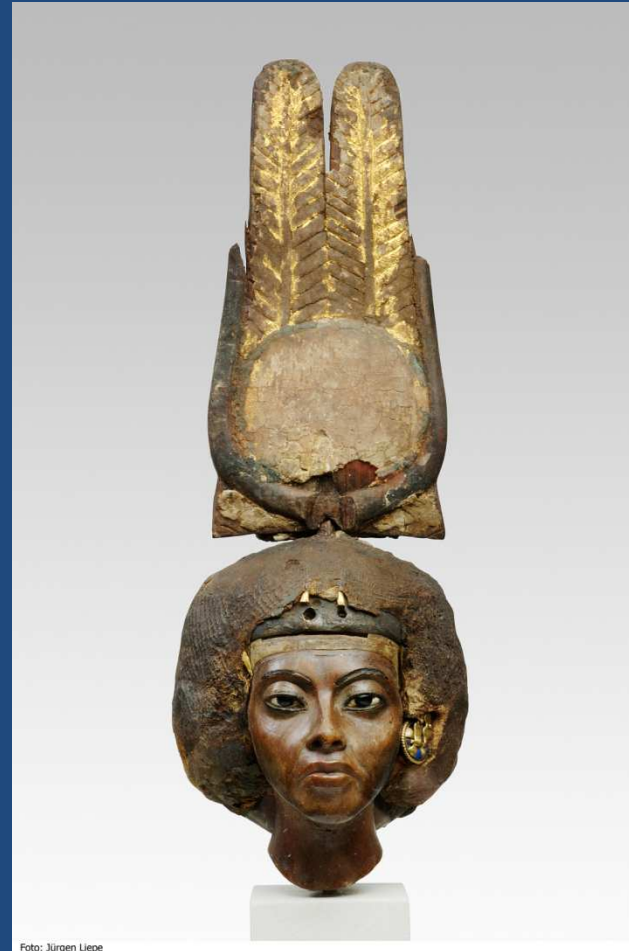
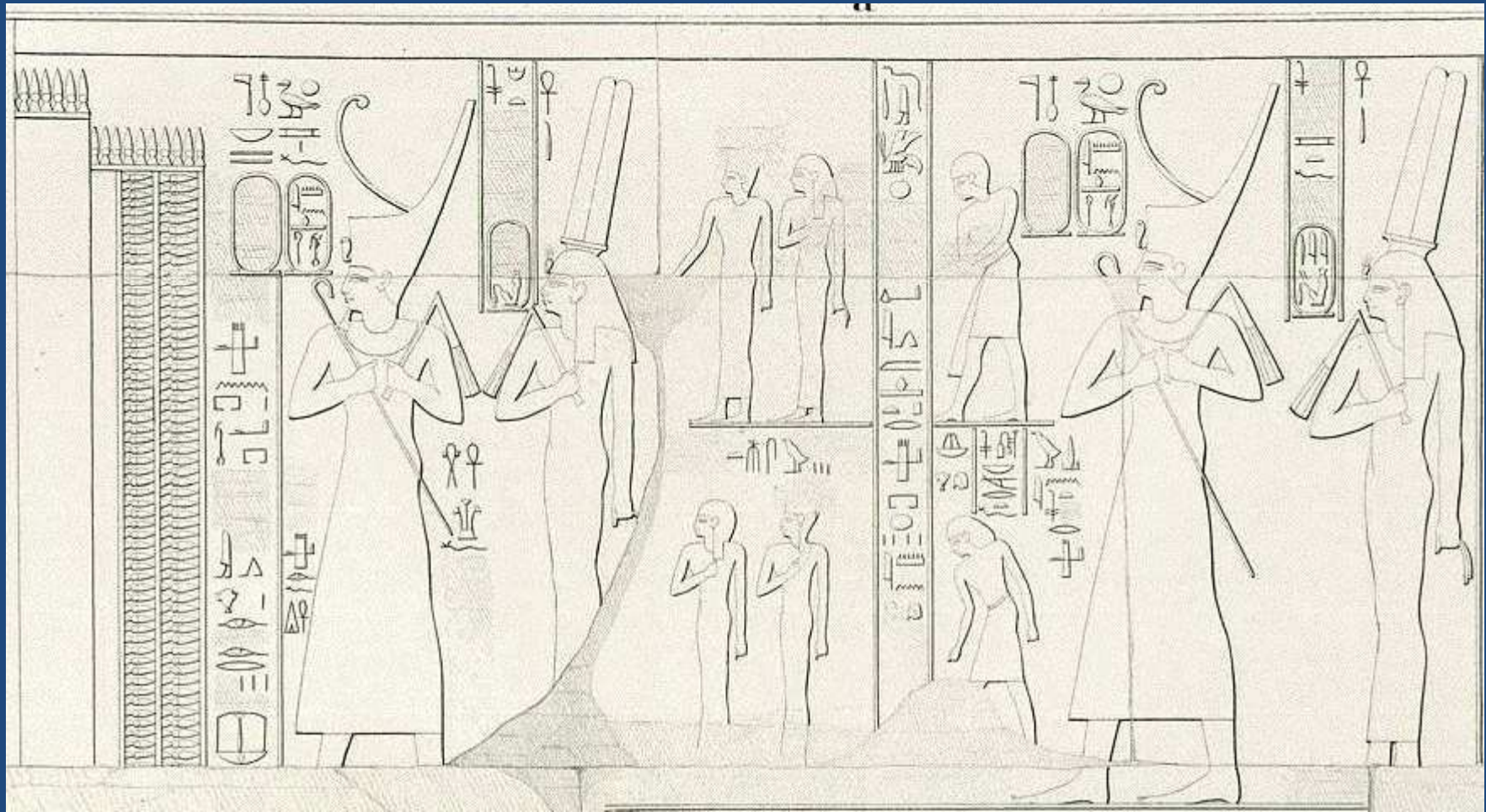


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# Amenhotep III and Tiye at Soleb Temple



# After Amenhotep III's Death

- Tiye receives a letter from the King of Mitanni, Tushratta, asking her to remind her son of friendly relations between Mitanni and Egypt, He believed she had influence



# Chair of Sitamun





# Sitamun is Amunhotep III's Daughter/Wife

- Great Royal Wife
- Her sisters Henutaneb, Nebetiah, and Isis were King's Wife or King's Consort
- Reasons are religious and economic
- Also married Babylonian and Mittanian princesses



# International Relations

- Letters from Babylonia, Mittani, Arazawa
- Can trace negotiations for foreign wives, gift giving
- Can see the high prestige Egypt had in this period

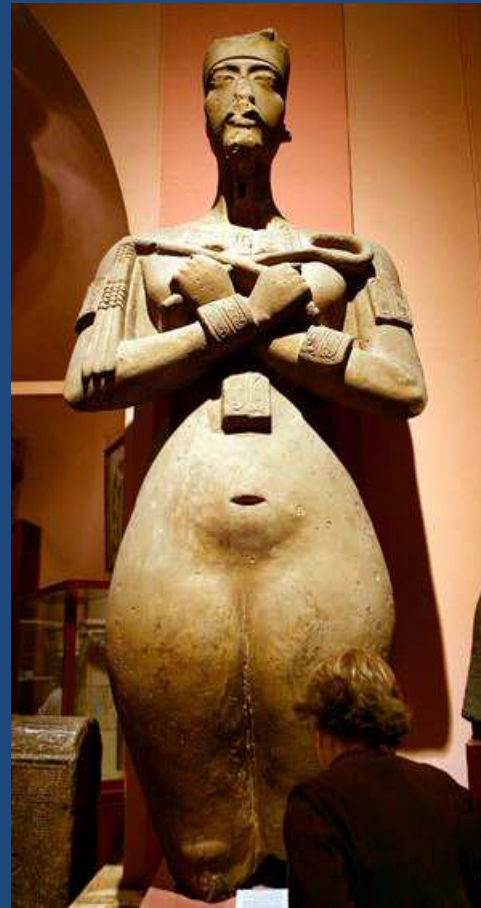


# Death of Amenhotep III

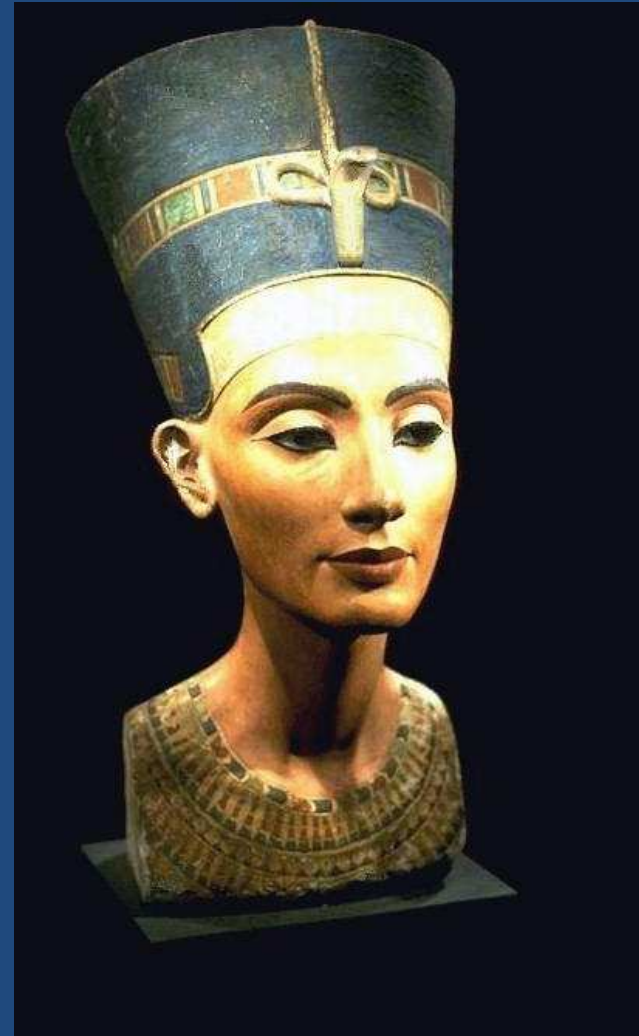
- Egypt was the richest it had ever been
- Peace treaty with eastern countries
- Resources went into building, not war



# Akhenaten and the Amarna Age



# Nefertiti







# Tutankhamun





# Influence from Amarna



# Restoration Stela

