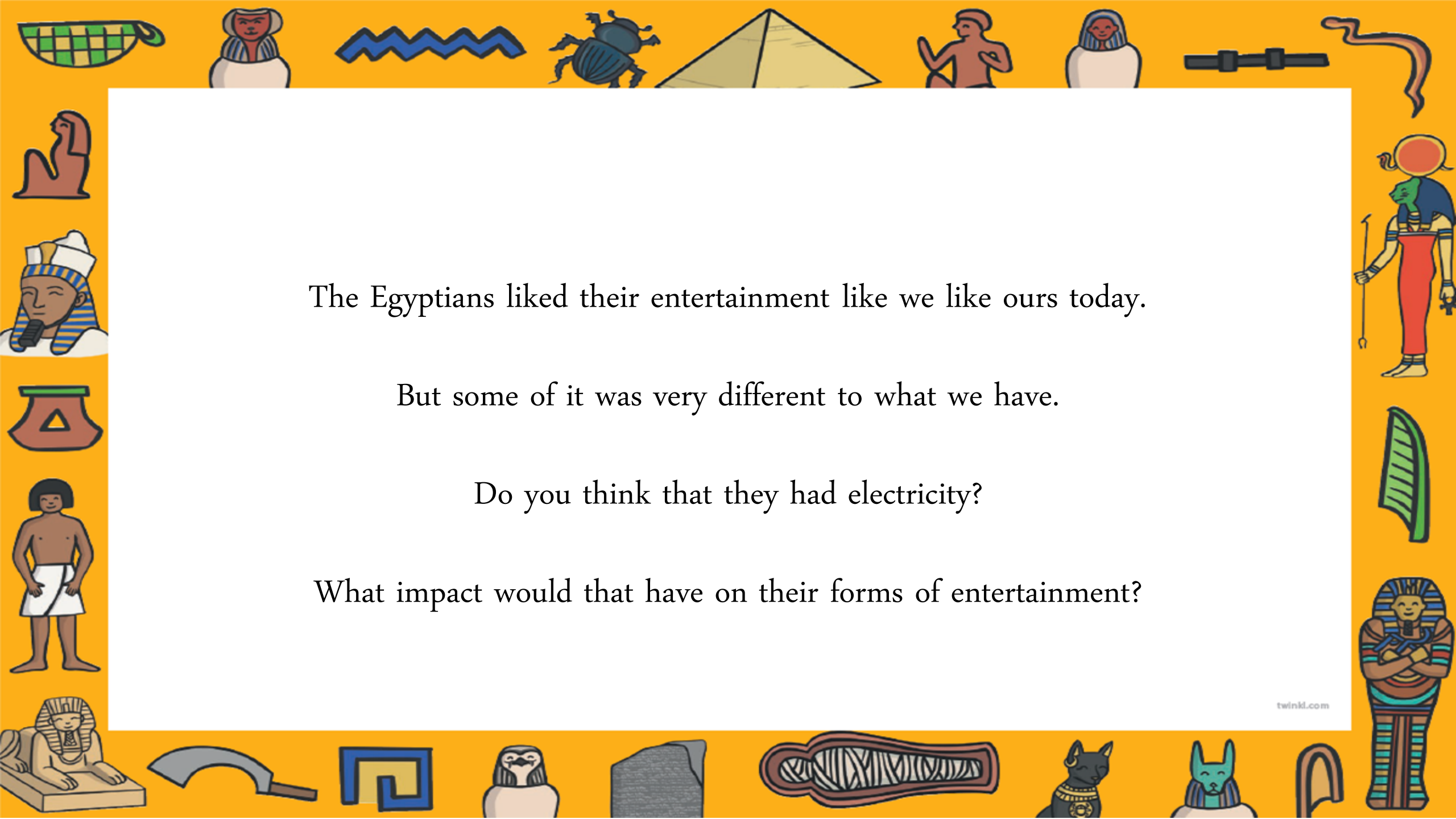


Ancient Egyptian Entertainment

What forms of entertainment do we have today?

A decorative border surrounds the central text area, featuring various Egyptian-themed icons. At the top, there is a green and yellow checkered bowl, a sphinx head, a blue wavy line, a scarab beetle, a yellow pyramid, a seated man, a woman in a white dress, a black belt, and a snake. On the left side, from top to bottom, are a sphinx head, a man in a blue and white striped headdress, a red trapezoid with a yellow triangle, a man in a white kilt, and a sphinx on a pedestal. On the right side, from top to bottom, are a woman with a red sun disk, a green winged goddess, a green winged goddess, and a mummy. At the bottom, there is a grey sickle, a blue and yellow square, a sphinx head, a grey rock, a brown oval with a yellow pattern, a black cat, a blue cat, and a grey arch.

The Egyptians liked their entertainment like we like ours today.

But some of it was very different to what we have.

Do you think that they had electricity?

What impact would that have on their forms of entertainment?

Here are some forms of their entertainment:

- Hunting

Richer people and the Pharaohs hunted dangerous animals like lions and hippos.

- Board games

Played by rich and poor, one of them, Senet, is thought to be over 5,000 years old and Pharaohs were often buried with Senet boards to keep them occupied on the afterlife

- Sports

The Egyptians enjoyed physical sports like wrestling which prepared them to be soldiers. They also enjoyed chariot racing.
Which other civilisation liked chariot racing?



Here are some forms of their entertainment:

- Storytelling

Storytellers could entertain audiences for hours with heroic tales of the gods and their endeavours. Storytellers were well trained and were great performers.

- Water sports

Living close to the Nile, lots of Egyptians were great swimmers and took part in a variety of water sports like rowing or challenging the waves of the Nile in a boat.

- Parties

The rich often held lavish parties which involved music and dancers, both male and female. The Egyptians played instruments like flutes, lyres (like a guitar) and harps. Parties could show off how rich and powerful you were.

Your task!

- You are going to plan your own Ancient Egyptian Pharaoh's Party!
- You are going to have a budget that you CANNOT go over, otherwise the gods will be very angry with you!
- This party has to be THE BEST party around, so think carefully about what you want and what is most important to you.
- We will link this to some of the information you have already covered such as social status, currency, food and now entertainment.
- Let's look at the Instruction sheet in your Party Pack together.