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Model Boat and Figures



The cities of ancient Egypt grew up along the rich agricultural land by the Nile River.

Figure of a ram



Egyptians farmed crops in fields and raised domesticated livestock.



Figure of god Anubis



The ancient Egyptians developed a complex set of religious beliefs.

Portrait of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III



Pharaoh kings ruled ancient Egyptian civilization.

Architectural fragment



The Egyptians developed a written, hieroglyphic language based on pictures.

Wine Jar



This stone vessel was used by Egyptians to store wine.

Stem Cup



This tall burnished pottery vessel is a drinking cup made in China 4000-5000 years ago.

It has a complex form with three larger forms separated with narrower sections.

Funerary Storage Jar

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This wide, round, ceramic funerary vessel with its tiny handles was buried in a grave in China.

Tripod Ritual Vessel



The ancient Chinese made very complex metal vessels to use in ceremonies.

This vessel is made up of three rounded forms combined into one. It has a wide mouth, two handles, and three, short legs.



How are these two ancient Chinese vessels alike and different?