

Study Guide

Akhenaten and Nefertiti's "Revolution"

Important names and terms

Amenhotep IV/Akhenaten

Nefertiti

Tutankhamun

Amarna/Akhetaten

Ay

Horemheb

Discussion Questions/Study Tips

1) Our primary activity will be an in-class debate on whether or not Akhenaten and Nefertiti's reign constituted a revolution, or at least a radical shift in Egyptian views on religion, the pharaoh, and society.

2) What is the impact of the Amarna period on Egyptian society? Was it long-term? or widespread? What was the nature of the changes in religion and how extensive were they? What happened after the Amarna period?

3) Also, keep in mind the themes we are tracking for the NK, especially

- Royal Women
- the Pharaoh's Divinity
- Popular Culture
- Funerary Practices

What happens during the "Amarna period" (the reign of Akhenaten & Nefertiti) with respect to these three issues?