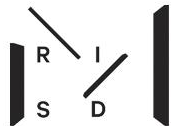


# RISD MUSEUM

**Virtual Visit:**

*Nesmin and his coffin, 170-30 BCE*



Egyptian  
*Coffin and mummy of Nesmin, 170-30 BCE*  
Coffin: Wood, gesso, gilding, and colored glass











# What are we looking at?



**In the Company of the Gods**

**EN COMPAÑÍA DE LOS DIOSES**

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The blue and gold figure is the god **Ra** who has a falcon head.

Above him is a circle symbolizing the sun.



Find the god Ra and a symbol for the sun on Nesmin's coffin.

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Can you think of 2 ways the sun affected your life today?

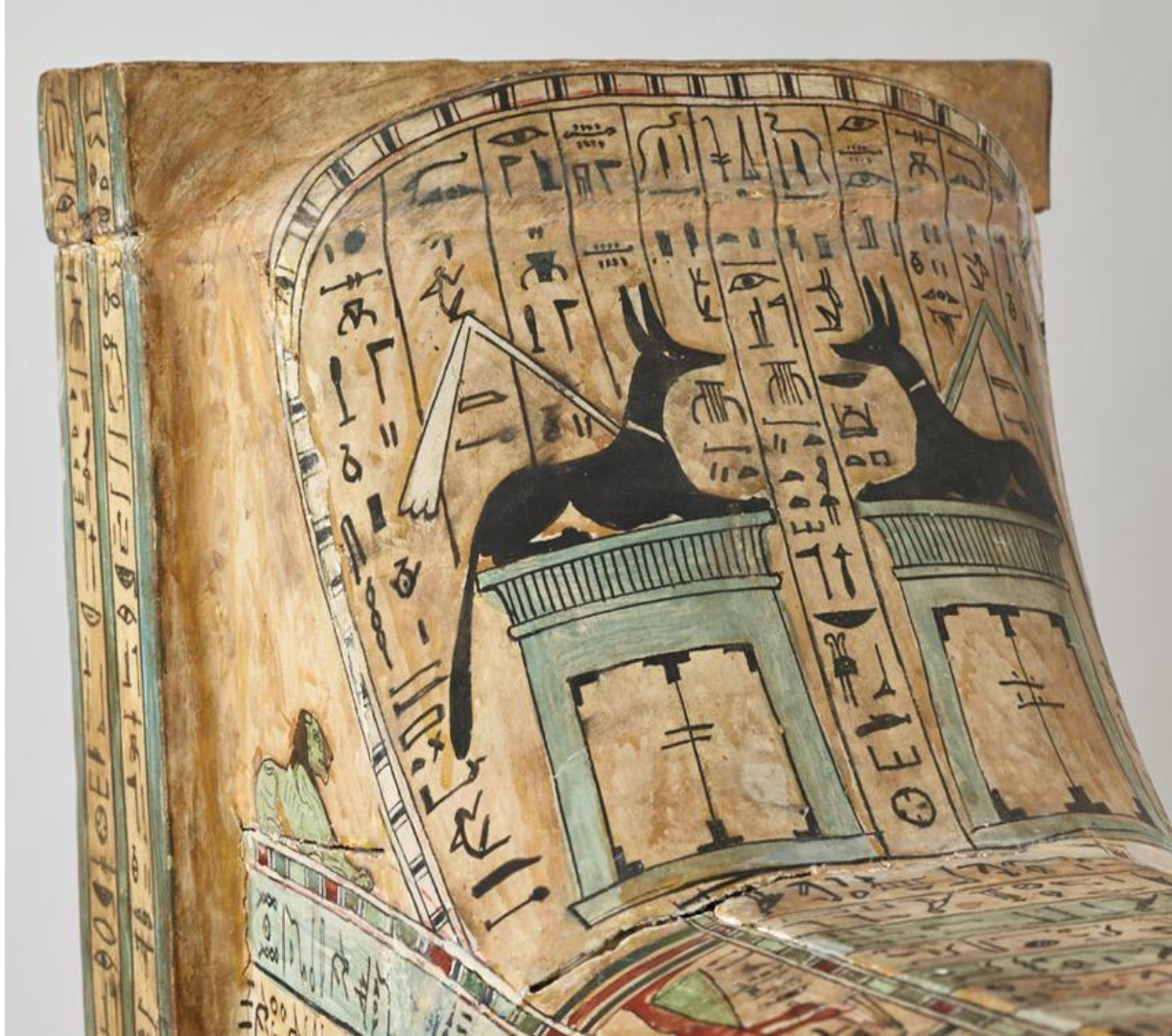
Why is the sun important to human civilizations?



Apis bull



Anubis



Sundisk



Vultures



Scarab beetle



Wedjat eye

Ram of Mendes



Nut

Feathers









# Create your own protective symbol

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**Draw a symbol of an animal or element of nature that inspires you.**

Wear or keep this symbol in a special place to help you find courage and creativity in challenging situations.

## We would love to hear from you!

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Materials used to make a personal protective symbol.