

THE GREAT SPHINX

Sitting on the Giza Plateau in Egypt is the Great Sphinx, a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, carved from a single limestone rock. It is roughly 4,500 years old. The Sphinx is enormous at 66 feet tall and 240 feet long. Each paw is the size of a bus!

Who built the Sphinx? No one is quite sure – it's assumed it was built about the same time as the nearby pyramids, but archeologists argue this point even today. In addition, time, weather and vandalism have taken a toll on the statue. What happened to the nose? Some argue it just fell off; some say a dispute in the 14th century led to it being vandalized; some even say Napoleon used it for target practice. Either way, more mysteries for this ancient statue!

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LOCATION:

AGE:

IT IS MADE FROM:

HOW LONG IS IT?

INTERESTING FACT:

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BY JOE TODD-STANTON

THE LITTLE HIPPO

BY GÉRALDINE ELSCHNER

HOW THE SPHINX GOT TO THE MUSEUM

BY JESSIE HARTLAND

