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Video: Who Killed the Iceman?

Vocabulary

Mummy- a body that has been preserved by natural or artificial means

Artifact- an object produced by human crafts, especially tools, weapons, or ornaments of archaeological or historical interest

Directions: Please answer the questions below in COMPLETE sentences.

1. Hikers in the Alps discovered a 5,300-year-old body in 1991. Why was the Iceman's body preserved?

2. How did scientists try to preserve the Iceman's remains while studying them?

3. How was this mummy scientifically significant?

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4. Why are artifacts found with a mummy as important as the mummy itself?

5. What limitations do the artifacts represent in drawing conclusions about a mummy?

6. How do scientists use the Iceman's possessions to make inferences about his life?

7. DNA analysis of the contents of the Iceman's intestines indicated that he'd eaten ibex, red deer, cereal grains, and pollen. How did the pollen help solve the mystery of how he died?