During your visit to the Mummies exhibition, you learned that the people of ancient Peru and ancient Egypt mummified and honored their dead in different ways. Write an essay in which you compare and contrast the significance of mummies in these two cultures. Support your writing with captioned illustrations of mummies and objects from each culture.

Mummies. A mummy is a body of a human being or an animal that has been preserved. There were two ancient societies that preserved their dead, and made mummies. They were the ancient Egyptian society and the ancient Peruvian society. They both preserved their dead in different ways. (18)

Ancient Egyptians started to mummify their dead in the year 3,500 B.C., which is about 5,520 years ago. They would first take the body and insert a hook there the nostrils and pull out the brain. They would throw it out cause they thought it wasn't important. They would then make a cut in the left side of the belly. They then would remove the inner organs and place them in containers. They would then wrap the body in bandages with the legs extended. They would put them in a coffin with jewelry, gold and other goods. (26)

Ancient peruvians started mummifying their dead about 7,000 years ago. They would do the black technique. This technique is to take apart, treat the body, then reassemble.
Their arms, legs, and the head was removed from the torso. They would then take off the skin, put clay, and reassemble. After that process they would crumple to the chest wrapped and put in a coffin, with jewely and goods.

Ancient Egyptians and Ancient Pruvians mummified there dead. They both buried the dead with jewely and goods. But Egyptians had the mumies legs stright, while Pruvians had there legs crumpled. Also the Egyptians had the organs removed but the Pruvians had there organs in the body. The Pruvians skin was taken off but in Egypt it wasn't. So all in all Pruvians and Egyptians mumifies are similar and different. But each is really unique.

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Illustration

Caption: Legs were crouched and weren't straight.

Illustration

Caption: Special goods and items are placed with the mummie.
EGYPT

Caption: "There were straight legs. Had beautiful coffins."

Caption: "Mummies were buried with goods, such as gold and keys to the afterlife."