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.

Egyptians have made mummies starting 3000 years ago. They mummify their dead so their spirits live on in the next world. Peruvians thought mummification allowed the living to connect to the dead. Peruvians and Egyptians had two different viewpoints on two different types of mummification. But they went on to do the same thing, mummify people.

Similarities these two different cultures had is that they both mummified people. Mummification is a process where the flesh of a former organism and/or corpse is preserved. Both cultures committed this act. Another similarity between these cultures are that they both put some type of wrap on the corpses. As you can see in my drawing of the Peruvian mummy in a crouched down position, the mummy has a brown fabric wrapped around
him/her. As you can see in my drawing of
an Egyptian mummy in an open sarcophagus, the
Mummy is wrapped in bandages. This showcases
the idea that both cultures wrap their corpses
in some type of wrap. Differences these cultures
have is the way the corpses are presented.
As you see in my Peruvian mummy drawing, the
Mummy is crouched down with fabric on top of it.
As you can see in my Egyptian mummy drawing,
the mummies are wrapped in bandages and
are lying back-first in something called
a sarcophagus, a basket-like box to place
corpses in. For Egyptian, this reveals to us
that Egyptians and Peruvian mummies are presented
in two very different ways. One last difference
between Egyptian and Peruvian mummies are
the insides. Peruvians leave the organs inside
the corpses. But, Egyptians decided to remove
the organs and preserve them.

In conclusion, both cultures' mummy
the dead in different ways based on how their culture makes them believe.
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Caption: Peruvian mummy in a crouched down position.

Caption: Peruvian mummy without fabric.
Caption: *Egyptian mummy lying back-first in an open sarcophagus*

Caption: *Egyptian mummy sarcophagus*