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.

| During my visit to the mummy exhibit I learned about Peru/Egyptian mummies. Peru and Egypt had different ways of making mummies and some similarities. Some differences. Egyptian mummies were to Peru mummies was that Peruvians made the oldest mummies in the world, starting 4,000 years ago and the Egyptians made mummies starting 5,500 years ago. Making a 1,500-year difference. Also, the first Peruvian mummies were created intentionally through an elaborate process that involved taking off their skin while on the other hand, the first Egyptian mummies were created by accident, naturally, when bodies were buried under hot, dry sand. Both Peru and Egypt had different processes of making mummies. The Peruvians had a process that involved taking off their skin while the Egyptians had a process of embalming, removing their organs. Egyptian and Peruvian mummies had different positions when prepared. Peruvian mummies were prepared in a seated position with their legs drawn to their chest while the Egyptians were prepared lying on their backs with their legs extended. Now some similarities are that both the Peruvians and Egyptians made... |
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Mummies for a purpose (even though they might have different purposes). They also buried items or something valuable to the dead person (either Egyptian or Peruvian). Made some type of sacrifice to the dead person. Also, both had processes when making/preparing a mummy (may not be the same process), but that's something in common.

In conclusion, Peruvian mummies had similarities and differences with Egyptian mummies.
PERU

Illustration

Caption: "We're in a crouched position with their legs drawn to their chest and their arms across their chest."

Illustration

Caption: "When they buried the mummies, they usually buried a Cuchimilco with them, supposedly a guardian to guide the soul."
EGYPT

Illustration

Caption: We're wrapped in cloth and were put in coffins.

Illustration

Caption: Would bury their riches with them.