

## Egyptian Social Structure

Below is a list of social classes and their definitions. 1) Create a symbol or illustration for each. 2) Cut them out and arrange them on your construction paper in order of status, with the most powerful at the top. We will regroup and vote as a class, so be prepared to defend your answers. **DO NOT GLUE UNTIL WE HAVE DISCUSSED AS A CLASS.**

**Scribes** - Able to read and write (which most could not do); Rarely had to do physical labor; In charge of record keeping, writing letters, writing religious texts, and remembering history; Vital to religion and education

**Priests, Doctors, Engineers** - Highly educated professionals; Healed, designed monuments, and tended to the dead

**High Priests and Nobles** - Came from wealthy, important families; controlled a great deal of wealth and power; Nobles made up the government and military leadership; High Priests took care of the gods and kept them happy

**Vizier** - Pharaoh's advisor; Power over food, water, territory, industry, protecting Pharaoh

**Pharaoh** - The supreme leader; A god on Earth; Controlled everything; Ruled for life

**Skilled Craftsmen/Artisans** - Produced art, weapons, architecture, sculptures, etc.; some were more important than others (like Imhotep)

**Farmers** - The vast majority of the population; supported the people above them by growing food

**Slaves** - Prisoners, criminals, and people who owe money; tasked with doing hard jobs or jobs that are considered "beneath" everyday Egyptians