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The ancient Egyptians created the pyramids as burial tombs to honor their pharaohs and since they believe them to be both man and god, they made the pyramids in a grand style. Itâ€™s believed that the original burial tombs for pharaohs and high ranking officials were flat monuments called â€˜mastabasâ€™. Over the years, each new burial tomb would have another smaller layer added to the top until they began to look like steps. One of the things that everyone notices about the pyramids of Egypt is that they are incredibly large. The smallest of the Giza pyramids is over 200 ft high. The pyramid built by the pharaoh Khufu (pronounced Koo-foo) was originally 480 ft high and is made up of over 2.3 million stone blocks. ANCIENT tombs predating the Egyptian pyramids in Giza have revealed a time of prehistoric horror and cannibalism in the Stone Age, archaeologists have claimed. 10. Women in Ancient Egypt are understood to have had the same rights as men and could buy and sell property. Related articles. Ancient Egypt: Huge discovery as sarcophagus OPENED after 2,500 years. Egypt MASTERMIND: The 'REAL brains behind ancient pyramids' REVEALED. Egypt: How Archaeologists made â€˜INCREDIBLE' UNDERWATER discovery. Poland. Most read in Science.