Scans of King Tut's Tomb Show '90 Percent' Chance of Secret Rooms (1250L)

Instructions: COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS AND MARGIN NOTES using the CLOSE reading strategies practiced in class. This requires reading of the article <u>three times</u>.

Step 1: Skim the article using these symbols as you read:

(+) agree, **(-)** disagree, **(*)** important, **(!)** surprising, **(?)** wondering

Step 2: Number the paragraphs. **Read** the article **carefully** and **make notes in the margin**.

Notes should include:
- o Comments that show that you **understand** the article. (A summary or statement of the main idea of important sections may serve this purpose.)
- o Questions you have that show what you are **wondering** about as you read.
- o Notes that differentiate between **fact** and **opinion**.
- o Observations about how the **writer's strategies** (organization, word choice, perspective, support) and choices affect the article.

Step 3: A **final quick read** noting anything you may have missed during the first two reads.

Your **margin notes** are part of your score for this assessment. Answer the questions carefully in **complete sentences** unless otherwise instructed.

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Radar reveals 'an entrance to something' in the walls of the burial chamber.

King Tut is hiding something.

Radar scans of Tutankhamun's burial chamber in the Valley of the Kings appear to have confirmed a new theory that there are other chambers -- and possibly another tomb -- hidden behind the walls.

"Obviously it's an entrance to something," Hirokatsu Watanabe, the

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Japanese radar specialist who conducted the scans told National Geographic via a translator. "It's very obvious that this is something. It's very deep."

Egyptian antiquities minister Mamdouh el-Damaty said the data would take another month to analyze -- but the results are so strong that he's "90 percent positive" there is another chamber behind the wall of King Tut's tomb, according to video of a news conference posted online by Luxor Times.

The scans add more evidence to a theory put forward by Egyptologist Nicholas Reeves, who made international headlines over the summer when he said he found evidence of two hidden doorways in the burial chamber.

Reeves, who made the discovery while analyzing high-resolution scans of the walls, believes that secret chamber may hold the long-lost final resting place of Queen Nefertiti.

If the analysis of the radar scans confirms the presence of hidden chambers, archaeologists will have to find a way to access them without disturbing King Tut's burial chamber or whatever may be waiting in the other room.

One option is to drill a small hole to send a camera through, el-Damaty told National Geographic.

"The key is to excavate slowly and carefully and record well," Reeves told Reuters. "The fact is this isn't a race. All archaeology is disruption. We can't go back and re-do it, so we have to do it well in the first place."

Scan this QR code to access the video link.

Mazza, E. Scans of King Tut's tomb show '90 percent' chance of secret rooms. Huffpost. November 30, 2015.

Comprehension questions – answers may be in phrases.

1. For what reason is Nefertiti considered "the lost queen"?

2. How is King Tut related to Queen Nefertiti?

3. Define **bust** as used in the article.

4. Explain why King Tut is referred to as the "boy king."

5. Define **tomb** as used in the text.

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Answer each question in one or more complete sentences and by providing complete explanations.

1. Paraphrase Egyptologist Nicolas Reeves' concern regarding the excavation of the possible tomb.

2. According to Linda Alchin (historyembalmed.org), the tomb of King Tut has the following measurements: height – 3.68 meters, width – 7.86 meters, length – 30.79 meters. Round each measurement to the nearest whole number to determine the volume of the tomb. Show your math and explain the process.

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3. *Summarize this article using the money summary method. (Money summary – words cost 10 cents each, the words – a, an, the – are free, you have a total of $2.00 to spend.)*

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4. *Several other articles about King Tut's tomb mention that robbers removed items from tomb in the past. Explain why robbers would desecrate a grave/tomb like this. What measures would need to be taken to ensure this was prevented in the future? State your claim citing evidence from the text to support your claim.*

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