

Homes of Egypt

I. The main building material was mud bricks mixed with straw and pebbles to strengthen them

II. There were 2 types of homes

A. Common

1. One room hut
2. Small courtyard facing the street
3. Windows placed high in the walls (for cooling)
4. Flat roof

B. Wealthy

1. Multi levels and rooms (townhouse)
2. One section was for greeting strangers, servants and business
3. One section was for entertaining guests
4. One section was the family's private living quarters
5. Kitchen in back of house or on roof

C. Difference in country and city homes

1. Country homes were typically one story
2. City homes were 3 or more stories (land was scarce)

D. Furniture was simple

1. Low wooden stools with 3-4 legs and a woven leather seat
2. Low tables (for work and eating)
3. Wooden bed with woven "mattress", wooden animal-shaped legs and a footboard and headrest.
4. Lamps made of simple pottery containing oil and a wick
5. Chests were used for storage
6. Paintings on wall of geometric shapes or nature

E. A lot of activity occurred on the roof (some cooking and sleeping because of the cool wind)