



Why do so many artefacts from Ancient Egypt come from tombs?

Having all of this evidence from Ancient Egypt is really important because it gives us an idea about what ancient Egypt was like. But we've got to remember that ninety percent of the objects that are in museums today that survive from Ancient Egypt come from tombs; places where the dead were buried, places for the afterlife. This is not an accurate representation of Egyptian society because we are missing most of the towns and the settlements. As a result of the fact that it is really only stuff from tombs that survives, we think of the Egyptians as obsessed with death, and I really don't think that they were. I think we're just missing all of that living stuff, which would balance the picture.