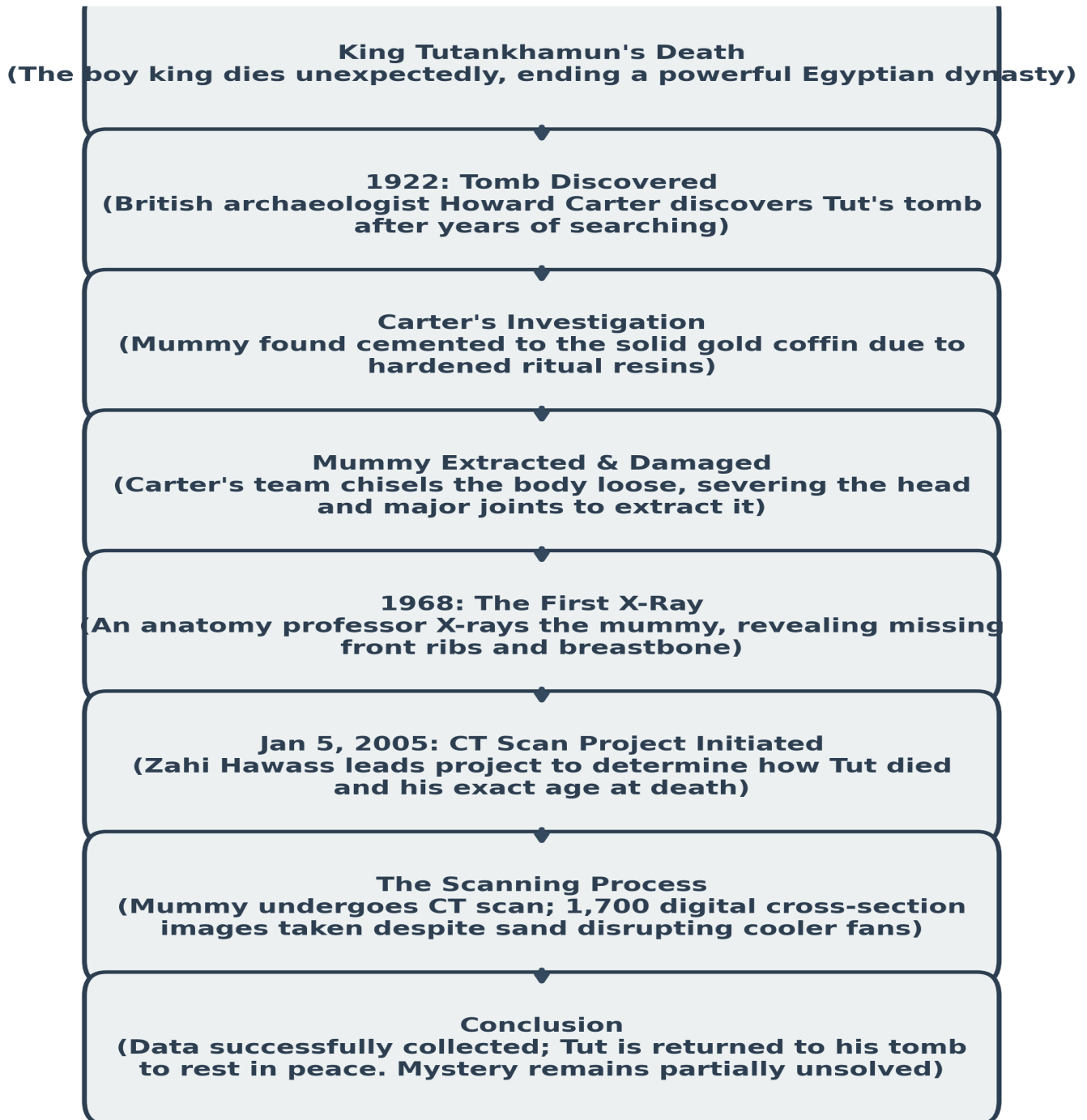


Discovering Tut: The Saga Continues

CBSE Class 11 English - Chapter Flowchart & Summary

1. Flowchart of Key Events

The flowchart below outlines the timeline and major events regarding the discovery and investigation of King Tutankhamun's mummy.



2. Chapter Summary & Key Takeaways

Background: King Tutankhamun was the last heir of a powerful family that had ruled Egypt and its empire for centuries. He died unexpectedly as a teenager, which brought an end to his dynasty.

The Discovery (1922): British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered Tut's tomb in 1922. While the discovery was monumental, Carter faced a major issue: the ritual resins had hardened, cementing the mummy to the bottom of his solid gold coffin.

Damage to the Mummy: To separate the mummy from the gold, Carter's men had to chisel away the consolidated material from beneath the limbs and trunk. They severed Tut's head and nearly every major joint, before reassembling it on a layer of sand in a wooden box.

The 1968 X-Ray: More than 40 years later, an anatomy professor X-rayed the mummy and revealed a startling fact: beneath the resin that caked his chest, his breastbone and front ribs were missing.

The 2005 CT Scan: On January 5, 2005, under the leadership of Zahi Hawass (Secretary General of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities), the mummy was put into a CT scanner to answer two major questions: How did he die, and how old was he at the time of death? Despite some technical glitches (sand in the cooler fan), the scan produced 1,700 digital X-ray images. Tut was then returned to his tomb, resting in peace as the data was analyzed.

3. Key Characters

- **King Tutankhamun:** The last pharaoh of his dynasty who died very young.
- **Howard Carter:** The British archaeologist who discovered Tut's tomb in 1922.
- **Zahi Hawass:** Secretary General of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities who led the 2005 CT scan.
- **Amenhotep IV (Akhenaten):** A previous pharaoh who promoted the worship of Aten (the sun disk) and smashed the images of Amun, causing a period of unrest before Tut restored the old ways.