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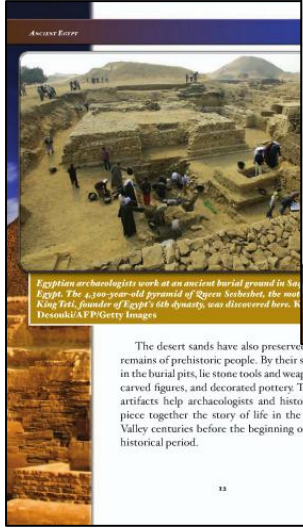
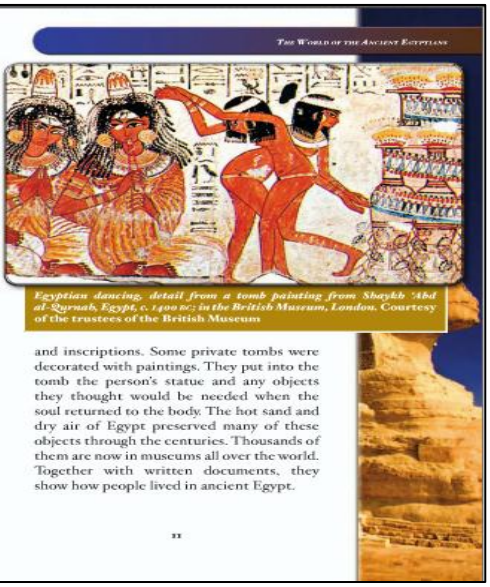
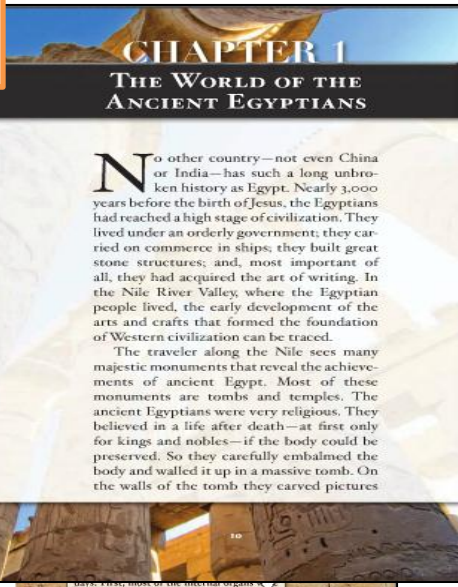
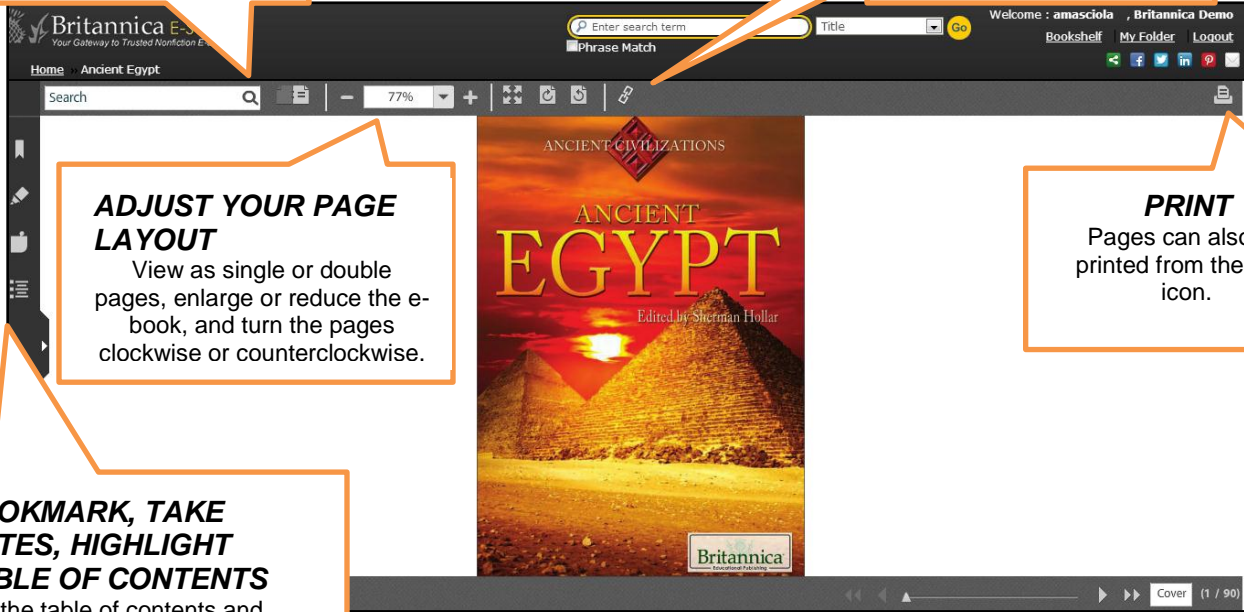
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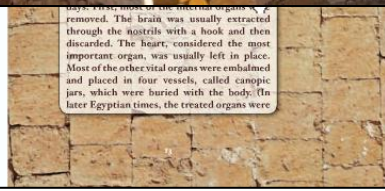
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Egyptian archaeologists work at an ancient burial ground in Saqqara, Egypt. The 4,300-year-old pyramid of Queen Sakhmet, the wife of King Unas, founder of Egypt's 6th dynasty, was discovered here. K. Danowski/AP Photo/Getty Images

The desert sands have also preserved the remains of prehistoric people. By their sides, in the burial pits, lie stone tools and weapons, carved figures, and decorated pottery. These artifacts help archaeologists and historians piece together the story of life in the Nile Valley centuries before the beginning of the historical period.



Days after most of the internal organs had been removed. The brain was usually extracted through the nostrils with a hook and then discarded. The heart, considered the most important organ, was usually left in place. Most of the other vital organs were embalmed and placed in four vessels, called canopic jars, which were buried with the body. (In later Egyptian times, the treated organs were