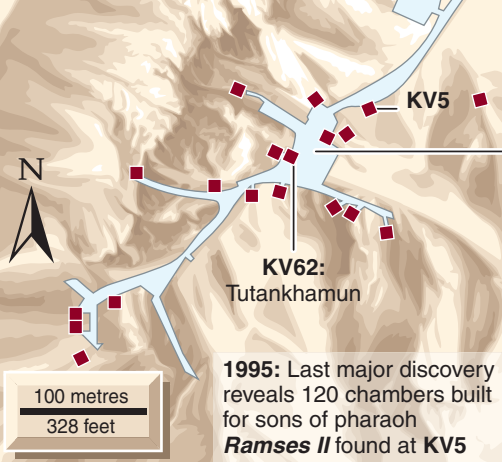


New tomb reveals ancient woven flowers

Archaeologists hoped the first tomb discovered in the Valley of the Kings since 1922 would hold the mummy of *King Tutankhamun's* mother. Instead, the last of eight sarcophagi to be opened revealed 3,000-year-old embalming materials and ancient woven flowers

VALLEY OF THE KINGS: Now holds 63 tombs, labelled KV1-KV63 by archaeologists

■ Main tombs



New Tomb (KV63): Found by U.S. archaeologists 4m underground – 5m from Tutankhamun's burial place



1995: Last major discovery reveals 120 chambers built for sons of pharaoh *Ramses II* found at KV5



KV63: Single-chamber tomb. Garlands of flowers, often entwined with gold strips, were worn by ancient Egyptian royals around their shoulders

1500-1300 BC – 18th Dynasty:

First dynasty of *New Kingdom*, which lasts until 1000 BC.

Capital in Thebes, present-day Luxor. **Tutankhamun** thought to be 12th ruler of dynasty

