**CHW3M Akhenaton Video Worksheet**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFT_PY9ad4U>

*PBS – Egypt’s Golden Empire – Pharaohs of the Sun*

Note that the **perspective** of a video is almost as important as the information it conveys. This can be shown by the music that is played, the topics that are discussed (or left out), and the opinions on the topics.

For our purposes, we’re trying to figure out if Akhenaton was a **tyrant** or **visionary**. On this worksheet Ms. Gluskin has jotted down certain phrases from the video. Beside each point below (or for as many as you can), write T or V and a comment on how it shows T or V. This video has both. In the end, you’ll have to make your own conclusion based on all the evidence you’ve seen.

1. To conservative Egyptians they must have been staggering
2. Radical
3. Break with the past
4. First monotheist
5. He seemed to have been a very driven person with enormous energy
6. He must have restructured the way the country was working
7. Seal the break with the past he ordered…
8. Leave behind
9. No choice in the matter
10. A planned city that accounted for openness and ‘freedom’
11. New and incredible experiment
12. No other family in the ancient world seemed so human, so real
13. Egypt appeared to have accepted the new religion
14. The incredible experiment
15. Suddenly fell apart
16. Actively persecute Egypt’s old gods
17. The reformer became a fanatic, incapable of tolerating other gods
18. The first religious oppressor
19. A country on the verge of crisis
20. Personal charisma held the dream together

**Now, it’s your turn to make a conclusion. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

In the end, using all of the information you’ve read and seen, and taking into account what you know about Egyptian society without being presentist, what is **your** conclusion on Akhenaton: Tyrant or Visionary? Make note of your best proof – it will help you on the Egypt and Mesopotamia test.

***Overall, I think he was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***

My main reason for this is:

My best evidence to back this up is:

Here’s another piece of evidence that also helps to explain my point of view:

I can prove that I took ma’at and my knowledge of Egypt into account by: