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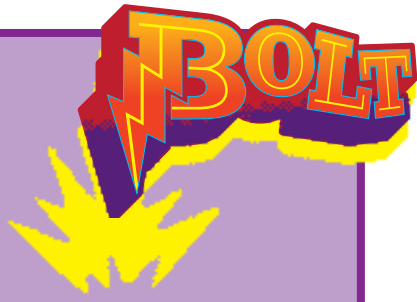
BOG MUMMIES

WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

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What
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BENEATH

It was 1950. A family near Tollund, Denmark, cut **peat** in a **bog**. Suddenly, the family members were staring at a dead body. They called police. They feared the man had recently been murdered.





Surprising Discovery

Police and scientists arrived in the bog. They soon realized what an important discovery this was. The family had found a bog mummy. The body was more than 2,000 years old!

Bog mummies are one of history's great mysteries. Why are bodies in bogs? Did they fall in? Or were they put there on purpose?

The mummy the family found is called Tollund Man.

FINDING

Bog Mummies

People have found bog mummies since the 1700s. These strange bodies are found in peat bogs. **Acid** in the bogs' plants keep the bodies from breaking down. It turns them into mummies.



Well Preserved



Many bog mummies still have their internal organs.

Some have their skin.

Some still have fingernails.

