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# The Sphinxes





On the embankment before the main façade of the Academy of Arts there is a granite pier. It was erected after the design of the architect Konstantin Thon between 1832 and 1834.



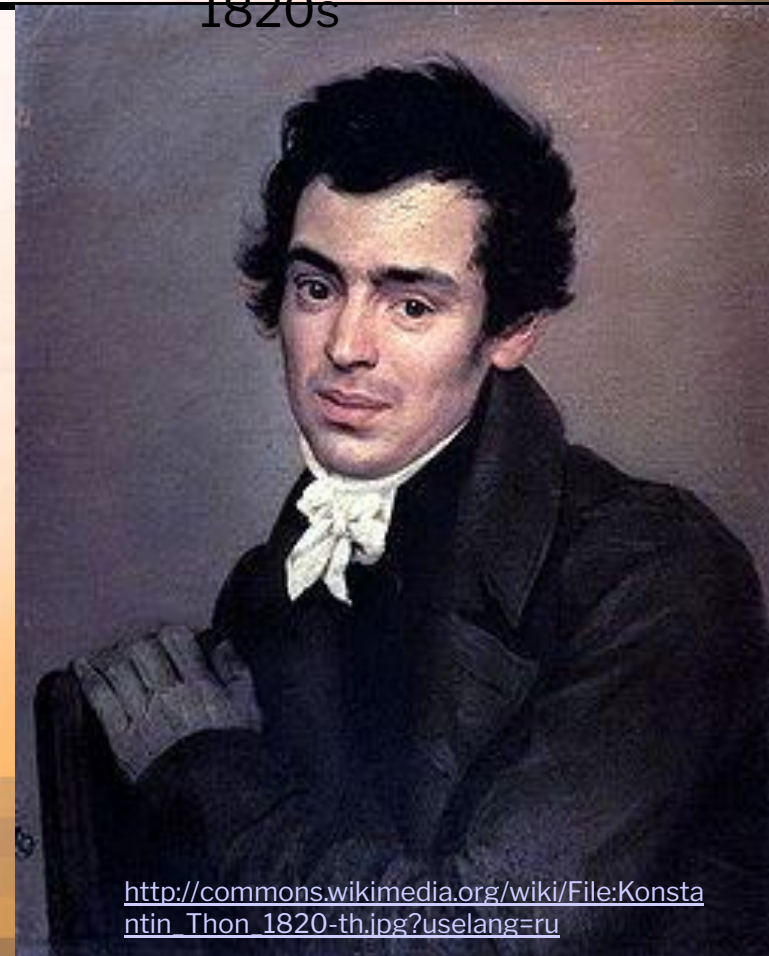
## Konstantin Andreyevich Thon,

also spelled **Ton** ( October 26, 1794 – January 25, 1881) was an official architect of Imperial Russia during the reign of Nicholas I.

Konstantin, born in St. Petersburg to the family of a German jeweler, was one of three Thon brothers who all rose to become notable architects. He studied at the Imperial Academy of Arts (1803–15) under the Empire Style architect Andrey Voronikhin, best remembered for his work on the Kazan Cathedral, situated right in the middle of the Nevsky Prospekt. He studied Italian art in Rome from 1819 to 1828, and on his return home was admitted to the academy as its member (1830) and professor (1833). In 1854, he was appointed rector of the architectural division of the academy.

Thon first attracted public attention with his sumptuous design for the interiors of the Academy building on the Neva embankment.

Konstantin Thon,  
1820s



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On the upper terrace stand the bronze lamps.

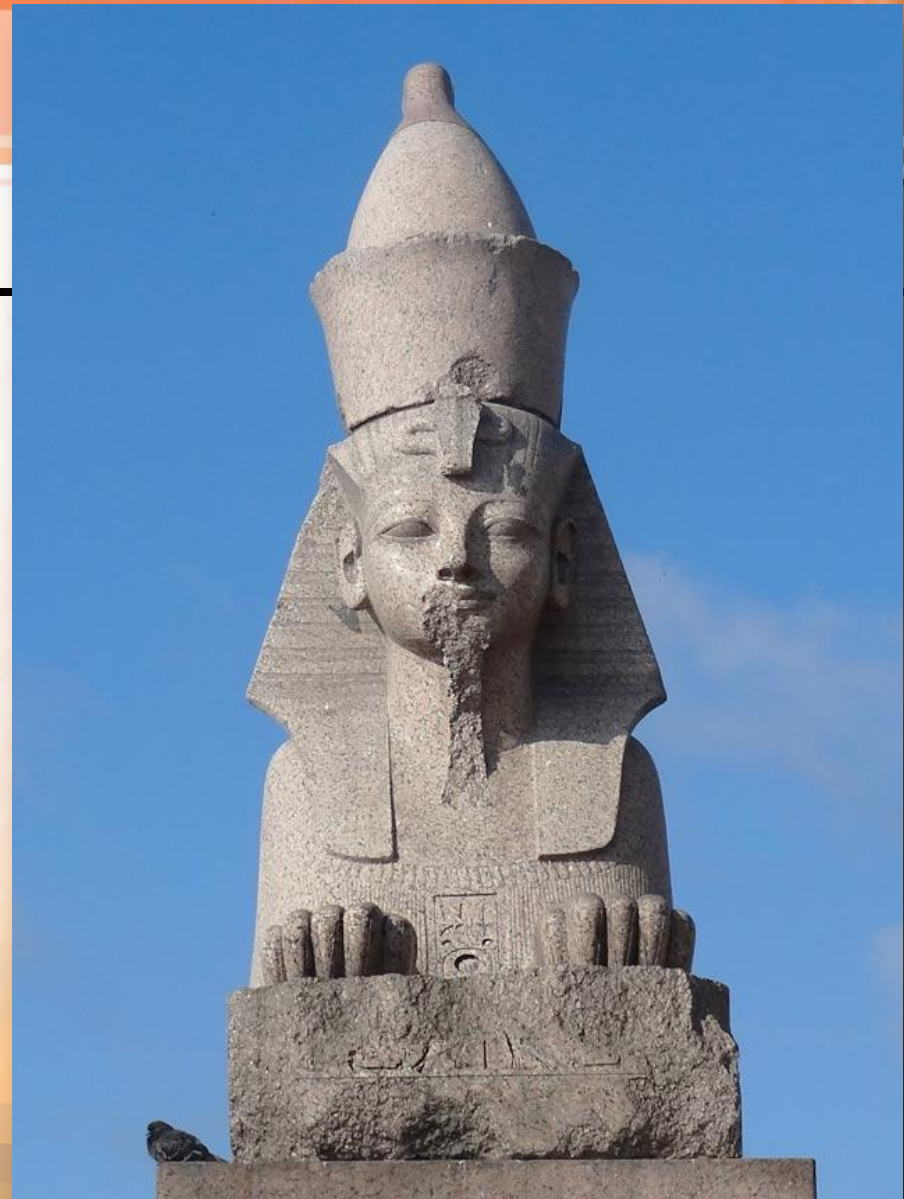


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The lower terrace is decorated with two Egyptian sphinxes on high pedestals.





The pier is embellished with granite benches images of gryphons and stylized bronze girandoles each of which stands on four lion's paws.



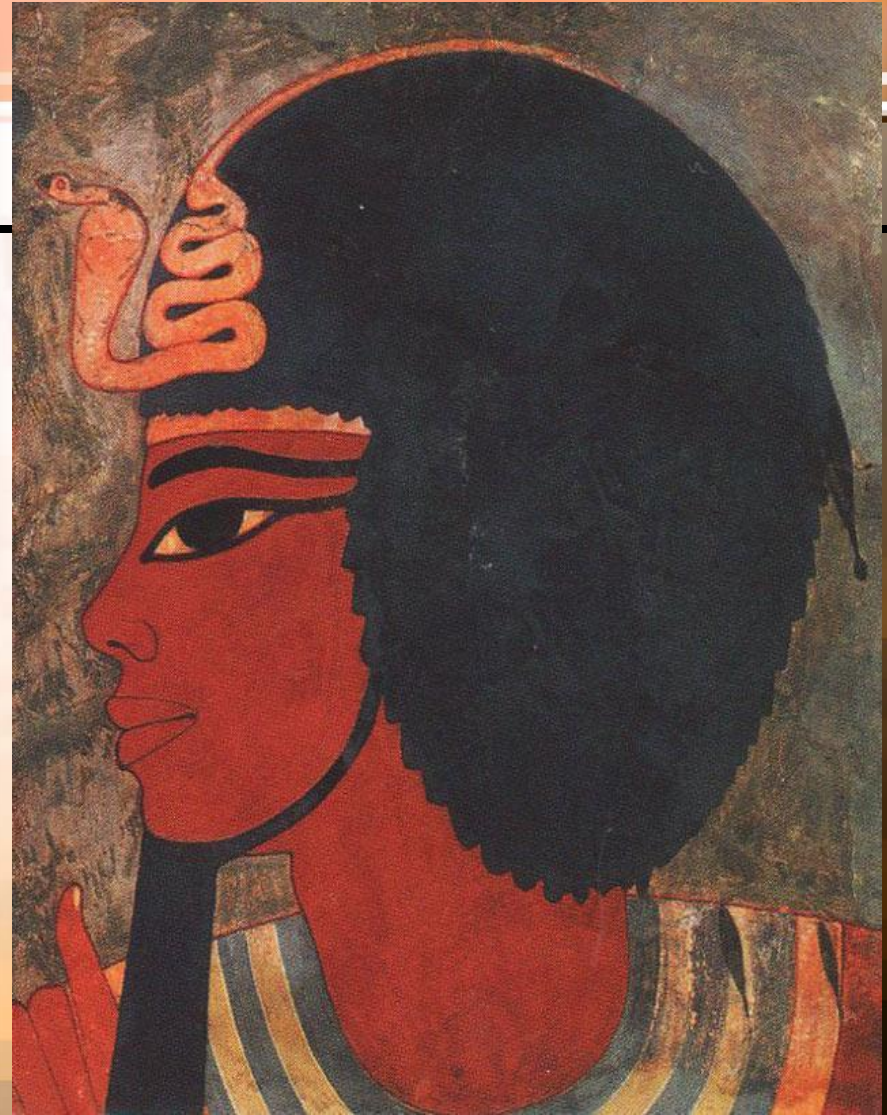


The sphinxes were found during excavations in ancient Thebes, the ancient capital of Egypt.





Each sphinx features the head of the Egyptian pharaoh Amenhotep III and lion's body.



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The sphinxes embellished the Palace of Amenkhotep III

ruins of the

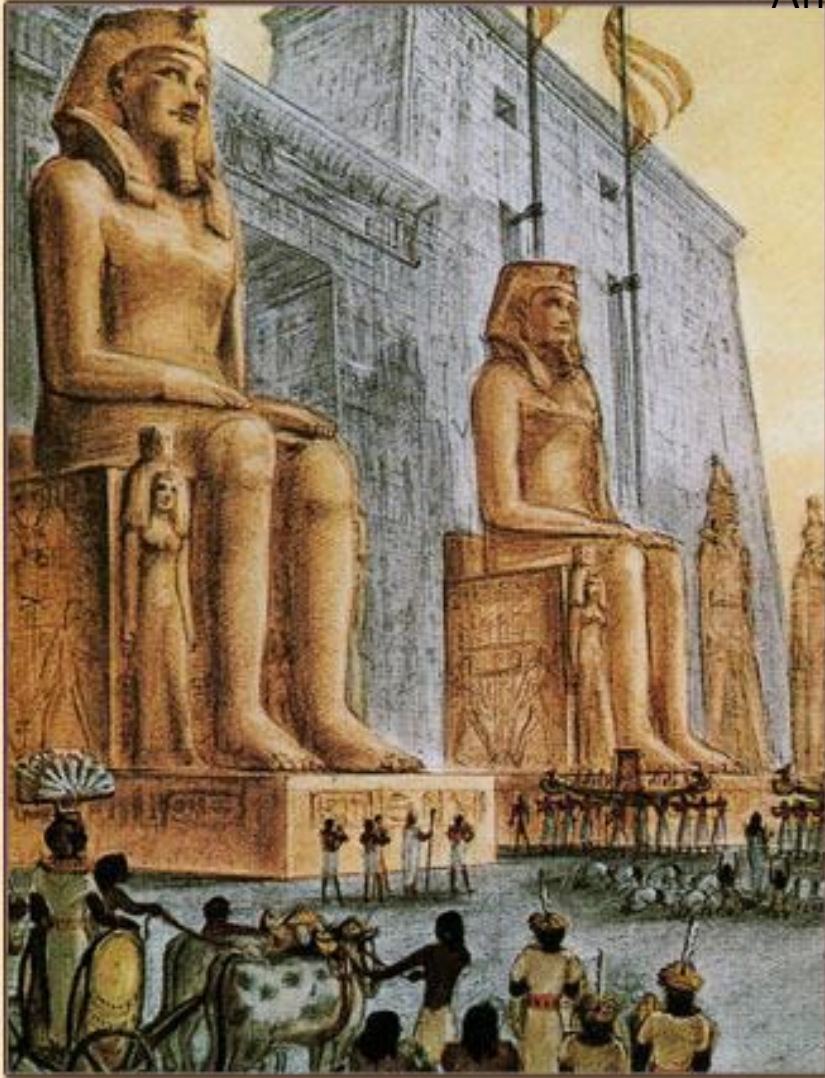


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The sphinxes were brought from the praying temple of Thebes where  
“Memnon Colossus” is standing now

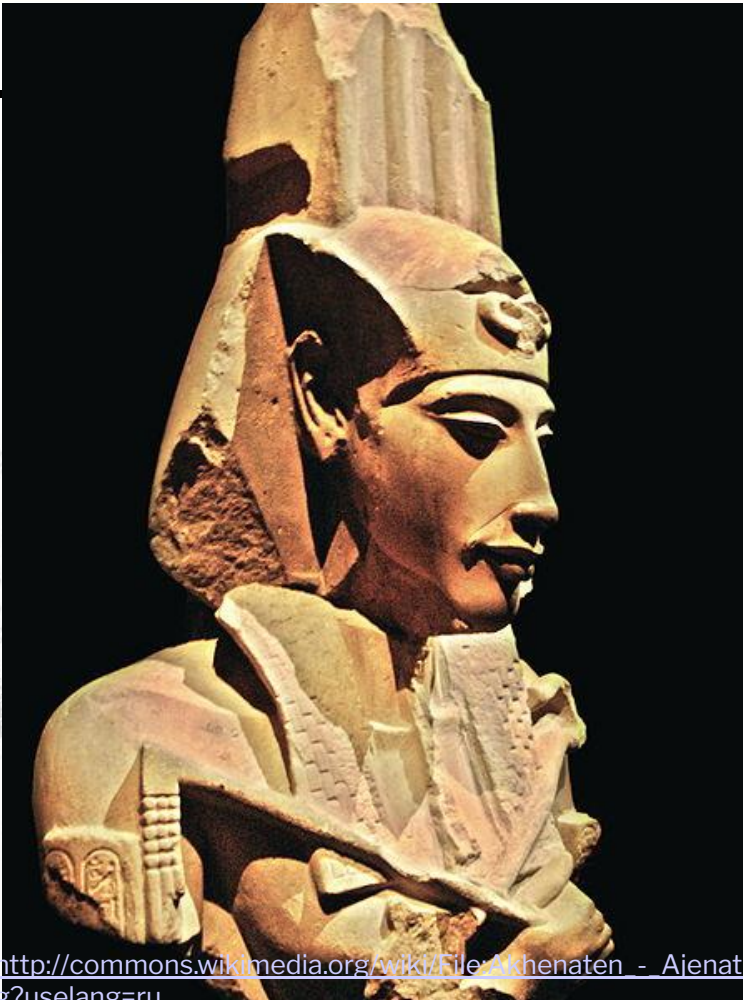
Memnon Colossus before lost funerary temple of  
Amenkhotep III



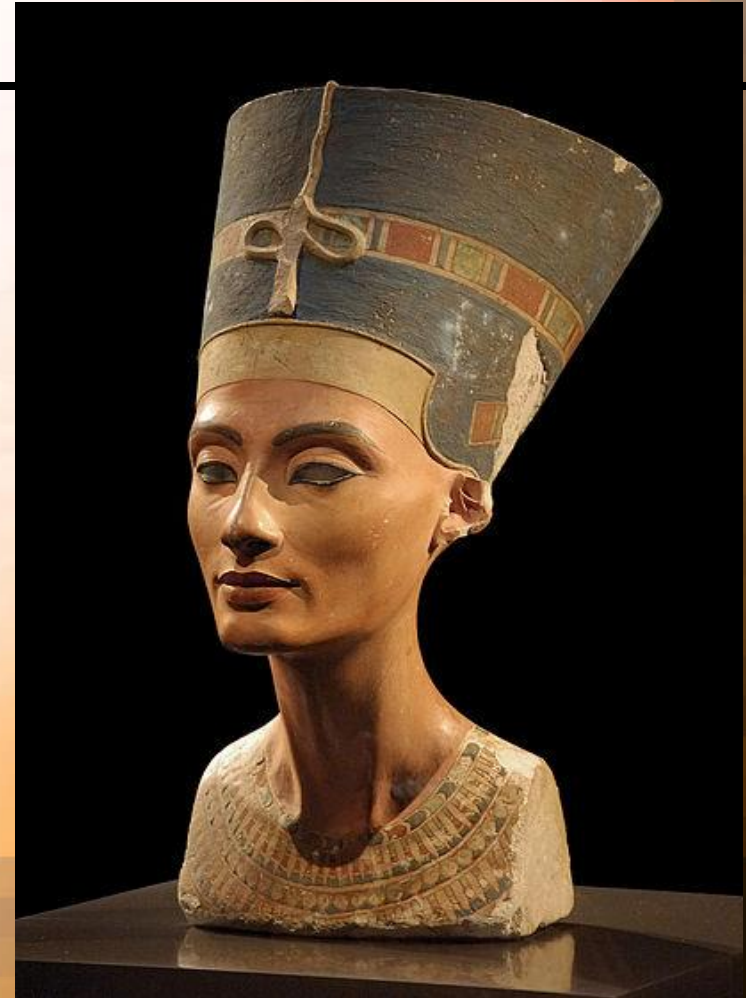
## The son of Amenhotep was a notorious pharaoh-reformer **Echnaton**

**Akhenaten** (also spelled **Echnaton**, meaning "living spirit of Aten") known before the fifth year of his reign as **Amenhotep IV** and was a **Pharaoh** of the **18<sup>th</sup> dynasty of Egypt** who ruled for 17 years and died perhaps in 1336 BC or 1334 BC.

**Nefertiti** (1370 BC –1330 BC) was the Great Royal Wife of the Egyptian Pharaoh Akhenaten. Nefertiti and her husband were known for a religious revolution, in which they worshiped one god only, Aten, or the sun disc.



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The sphinxes were bought by Russia from Egypt in 1831. They were brought from the banks of the Nile to Saint-Petersburg in 1832.



On the pedestal the words are inscribed: “ Brought to Saint-Petersburg  
in 1832 from the ancient Egyptian city of Thebes”





**Choose the correct item.**

- The sphinxes were brought from the banks of.....to St Petersburg in the spring of 1832.

the River Thames ☐

the Nile ☐

the Mississippi ☐

- The sphinxes were bought by Russia from ..... in 1831.

Egypt ☐

Rome ☐

Venice ☐

- This classically austere pier was erected after the design of the architect ..... between 1832 and 1834.

Auguste Montferrand ☐

Vasily Stasov ☐

Konstantin Thon ☐

- The sphinxes feature the head of Egyptian pharaoh Amenkhotep III and .....

lions' body ☐

tiger's paws ☐

eagle's wings ☐

- The sphinxes were found during excavations in ancient ....., the capital of Egypt.

Thebes ☐

Rome ☐

Aswan ☐

Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. They (**to find**) during excavations in ancient Thebes.
2. The lower terrace (**to decorate**) with two Egyptian sphinxes on high pedestals.
3. The sphinxes (**to feature**) the head of Egyptian pharaoh Amenhotep III and lion's body.
4. At that time Egypt (**to reach**) the peak of power and wealth.
5. On their pedestals the words (**to inscribe**): "Brought to St Petersburg in 1832 from the ancient Egyptian city of Thebes";
6. Sphinxes (**to bring**) from the praying temple of pharaoh in Thebes where "Memnon Colossus" (**to stand**) now.
7. The majestic effigies of sphinxes set on massive granite pedestals (**to mount**) on the either sides of the stairway leading to water.



**Write sentences using one of these verbs in each sentence.**

**stand, feature, emerged, were cast, has become, embellished**

- The sphinxes are a thousand years older than the Neva River which ..... only 2,000 or 3,000 years ago.
- Both gryphons and girandoles ..... in 1834.
- The sphinxes ..... the head of Egyptian pharaoh Amenkhotep III and lion's body.
- The sphinxes ..... the palace of Amenkhotep III.
- The mysterious mythological creature ..... a notable symbol of the northern capital of Russia.
- On the upper terrace ..... two bronze lamps.