Canopic Jars

When an important Ancient Egyptian died and was mummified they took all their major organs out of their bodies. These organs such as the liver, intestines, lungs and stomach were put in canopic jars for protection. The canopic jars had different lids with animal or human head shapes on them and each organ was put in a different canopic jar.

Qebehsenut had the head of a falcon and protected the intestines.

Hapy had the head of a baboon and protected the lungs.

Duamatef had the head of a jackal and protected the stomach.

These four canopic jars were put in a special chest that went into the tomb with the mummy.
Canopic Jars Worksheet

Answer the following questions:

1) Which four major organs were put in canopic jars?

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2) Why were these organs put in canopic jars?

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3) Where were these canopic jars eventually put?

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4) Look at these four canopic jars and fill in the relevant information:

God __________ Protected the __________

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