

**SA717401**

## Egyptian Revival Sphinx Candlesticks Red Marble French Sphynx Victorian

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA717401****Date of manufacture: 1860**

## Description

Smart pair of French, Egyptian Revival, Sphinx candlesticks, circa 1860. Finely cast brass figures on rouge marble bases. Not recently cleaned or polished. In very good sound condition with no damage or repair, noting shell chips to the underside of the marble. Height 6,1/8" or 155mm, weight 783 grams. \*\*\*\*\*

Egyptology fired the nineteenth century cultural imagination, particularly in France and Britain. Teams of archeologists from both countries carried out rival excavations in Egypt, the French funded by the state and the British by wealthy enthusiasts. Egyptomania was explored in literature as well as reflected in fine and decorative arts. Activities ranged from intellectually demanding endeavours like translating the Rosetta stone, to the sensational, such as seances and tea parties to unwrap mummified cats!

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