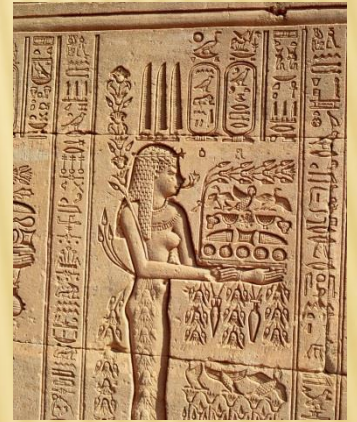
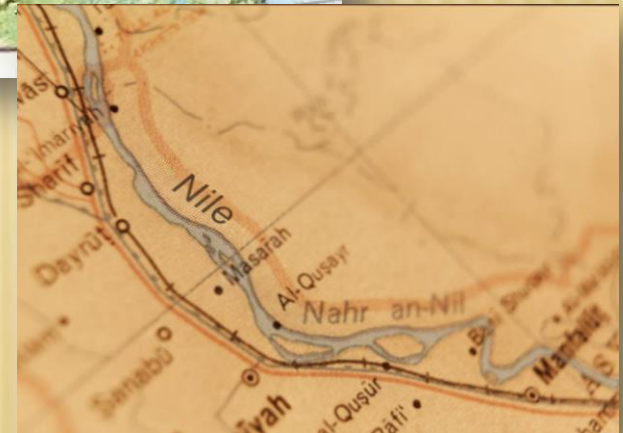


# ANCIENT EGYPT NOTES



# GEOGRAPHY

- ✘ Nile River: flows north, 4160 miles long, longest river in the world.
- ✘ Egypt part of Sahara Desert.
- ✘ Silt from Nile makes soil fertile.





# GEOGRAPHY CONTINUED

- ✘ Egyptians use Nile for irrigation, dams, dikes, water storage.
- ✘ Upper Egypt: Southern Egypt, up the Nile (which flows north).
- ✘ Lower Egypt: Northern Egypt, mainly the fertile delta.



# ECONOMY



- ✘ Egyptians grew grains such as wheat and barley.
- ✘ Traded with southwestern Asia, eastern Africa, and eastern Mediterranean.
- ✘ Nile used for transport of resources like grain, papyrus, linen, pottery & gold.



# ECONOMY CONTINUED

- ✘ Bartered for copper, ebony, iron, and wood, which builders & artisans used.
- ✘ Robbers and pirates made trade dangerous.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✘ World's first nation-state.
- ✘ Huge pyramids, temples, monuments still survive.
- ✘ Detailed records still survive.





# ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED

- ✘ Advancement of agriculture.
- ✘ Paper made from Papyrus.
- ✘ Ships built for trade along Nile.



# SOCIAL CLASSES

- ✘ Pharaoh was at top of society.
- ✘ Farmers and unskilled workers made up most of Egypt's population.
- ✘ Slaves were common and had some rights.





# SOCIAL CLASSES CONTINUED

- ✘ Most Egyptians did not live in cities, but along river banks.
- ✘ Women were respected and had rights, but men were more powerful.



# GOVERNMENT & LEADERSHIP

- ✘ Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt united in 3100 BC.
- ✘ First ever nation-state (people governed together, often united by common descent and language).
- ✘ 31 total dynasties.
- ✘ Had three distinct eras: Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, New Kingdom





# GOVERNMENT & LEADERSHIP CONTINUED

- ✘ Hyksos takes over Upper Egypt.
- ✘ Egypt reunites under his rule.
- ✘ Thutmose III expands Egypt to its largest size.
- ✘ Ramses the Great makes Egypt prosperous before its decline.
- ✘ Empire falls around 1075 BC.



King Thutmose III





# RELIGION



- ✘ Polytheism: Belief in gods in that control nature.
- ✘ Hapi=flood god, Ra=sun god, Osiris=god of afterlife, Horus=sun god
- ✘ Used mummification to preserve body for afterlife.
- ✘ Egyptians believed that kings/pharaohs were living gods that lived forever.

