

Egypt

“The Gift of the Nile”

World History

Chapter 4

3100 B.C. – 671 B.C.

Introduction

- Where is Egypt?





The Geography of Ancient Egypt

Egypt is located on the Nile River

The Nile begins in the Highlands of Ethiopia with two branches:

The White Nile and the Blue Nile

These rivers unite and flow north where they empty into the Mediterranean Sea.

Where the river empties into the Nile it forms the Nile Delta, a rich area of alluvial soil...

AKA River Valley

- What do you know about ancient Egyptian people?

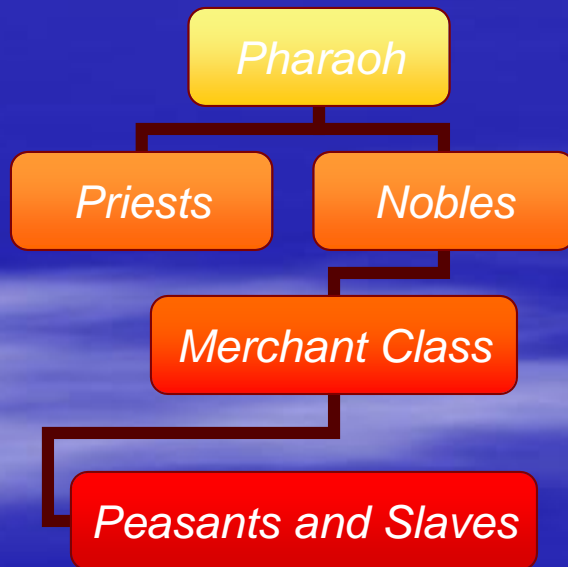
What can we infer about ancient Egyptians from these pictures?



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Egyptian Society

Egypt had a **hierarchical social structure**



Daily Life

The people had a positive attitude toward life.

Monogamy was the rule, and women had more rights in Ancient Egypt than the rest of the Ancient world.

Women could own property, business, and request a divorce.



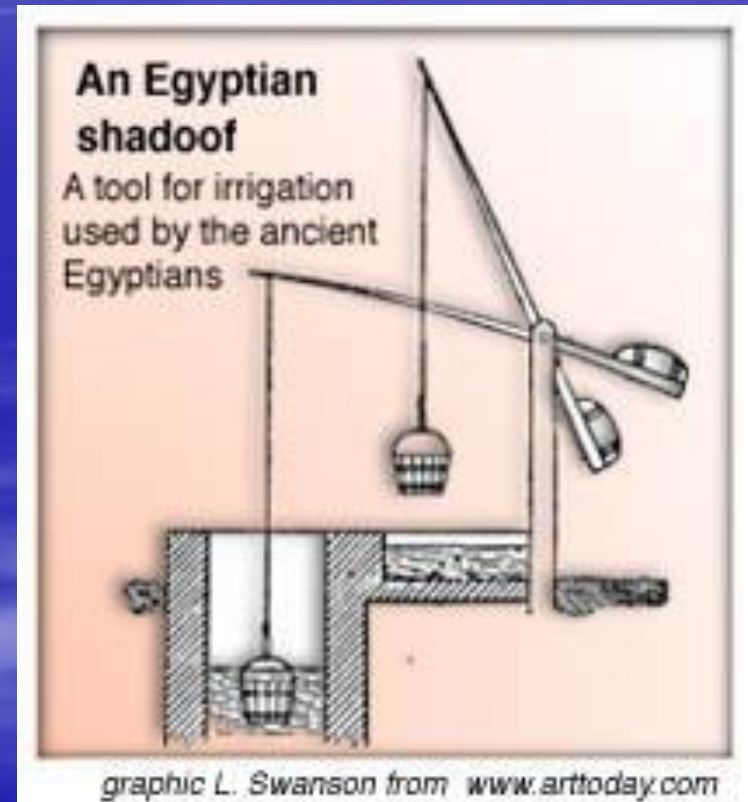
Section 1

The Nile

- Area where Egyptians settled
- Civilization lasted about 2000 years
 - lasting impression
- Flows north 4,145 miles
 - central Africa to Mediterranean
 - last 600 miles in Egypt



- Advantages of the Nile
 - Annual Flooding (Predictable)
 - how is this an advantage?
 - leftovers make good soil
- What did the people do?
 - farmers
 - flax, wheat, barley, grapes
 - inventive
 - shadoof



How They Lived



- The City
 - center of religion and government
 - Kings, government officials, Priests, Artisans
- The Estates
 - Rich Egyptians lived
 - commoners lived in villages on estates

The People

- Rich Egyptian
 - homes made of wood/brick
 - along the Nile
 - servants, artisans
- Average Egyptian
 - **Farmers (Agriculturally Based)**
 - villages on estates of rich
 - homes made of reeds or sunbaked mud. (built high to avoid the yearly flood)
 - also built monuments, roads etc.



The Pharaoh

- Strong ruler = strength and unity of country
- King ---- Pharaoh (great house)
- Believed to be
 - ruler
 - priest
 - god
 - ruled on earth (not heaven)

THE DEATH OF A PHARAOH?





Egyptian Contributions



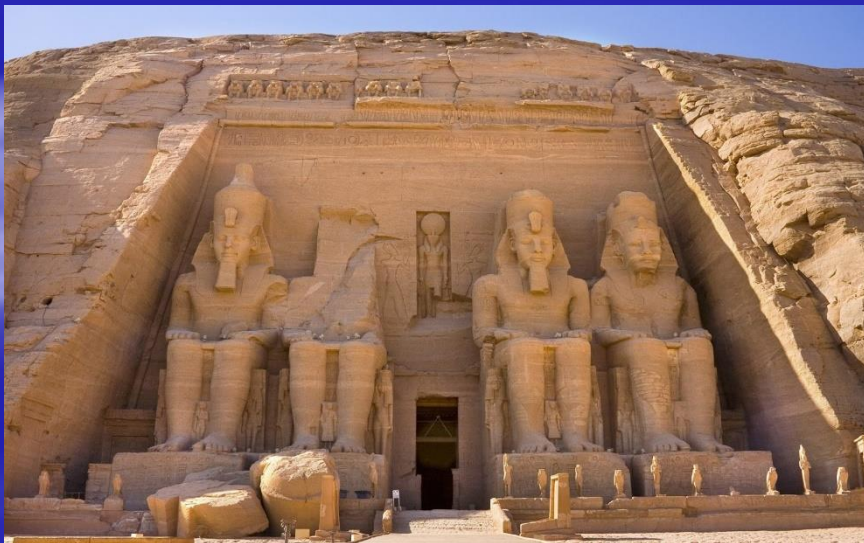
- Papyrus paper – made from flattened reeds
- ink – to write on the papyrus
- mathematical system based on 10 (metric)
- survey methods
- made a calendar based on the flooding of the Nile
- specialists in medicine
 - splints, bandages, stitches, setting bones
 - stomach ache-castor oil
 - hair loss- dog toes, dates and donkey hoof

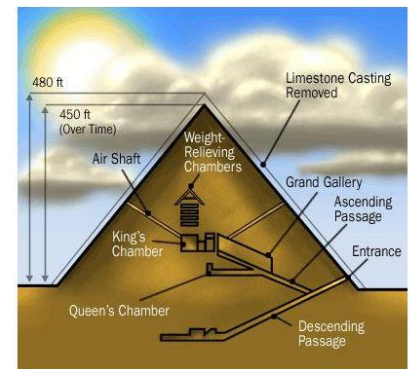


Pyramids

- way of showing respect to the Pharaoh
- called houses of eternity
 - tombs
 - west bank of Nile because sun went down
 - buried with their personal belongings for happiness







Not the Aliens

*How the Pyramids of Egypt were really
built Addendum - Multiple Locks*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dup19cX6yXo>

The Rosetta Stone

For a long time archaeologists were unable to translate hieroglyphics

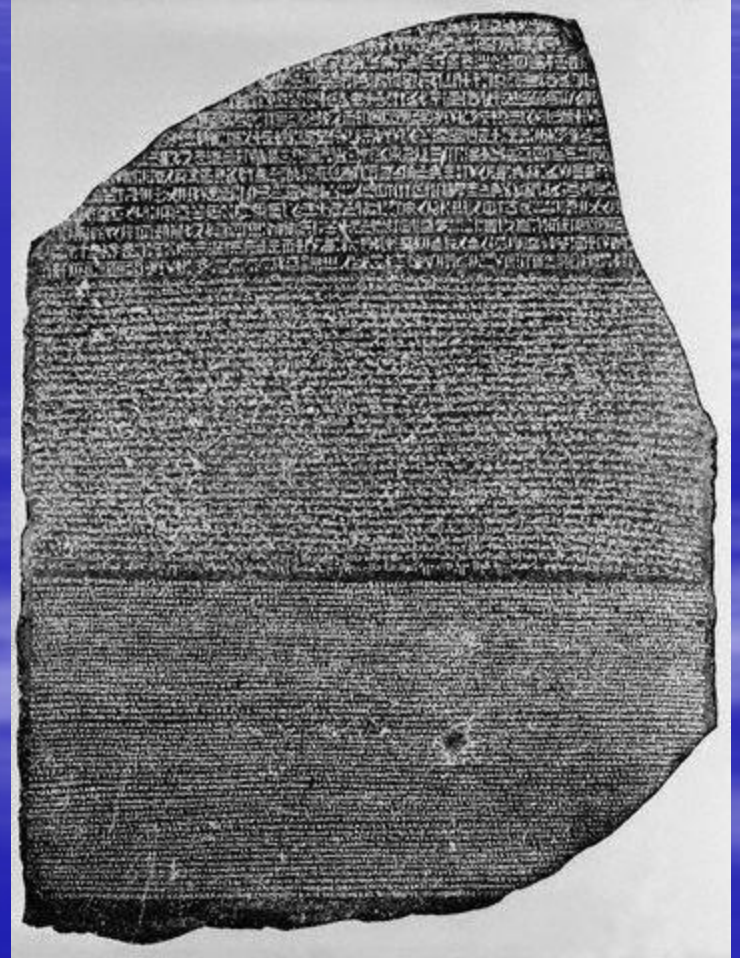
The discovery of **the Rosetta stone** allowed for the translation of Hieroglyphics

It contained the same passage in three languages

Hieroglyphics

Greek

Demotic



Egyptian Writing

Hieroglyphics

- pictures stand for words or sounds
- painted or carved them on their monuments
- The Translator

