

Chapter 3

Ancient Egypt and Nubia

The Geography of the Nile

SECTION 1

Introduction

- Herodotus- _____
 - Wanted to find source of Nile
 - Turned around at rapids
 - Knew that without Nile we wouldn't have Egypt

The Course of the Nile River

- World's longest river- _____
- 2 sources- _____ (Ethiopian highlands- rapids) and _____ (East Africa- swampy and slow)
- Meet in Sudan- becomes the Nile

The Course of the Nile River

- The Nile Through Ancient Nubia
 - After Blue/White meet, Nile forms a 1000 mile S shape
 - Northern tip of S- Aswan, Egypt
 - This S was _____ - an ancient region in the Nile River valley
 - 6 cataracts (_____)
 - Between 1st and 2nd- Lower Nubia- little farmland, rarely rained- people live close to river
 - Between 2nd and 6th- Upper Nubia- 2 miles of farmland on either side of river- DOES rain- people planted in fall and harvested in spring

The Course of the Nile River

- The Nile Through Ancient Egypt
 - 700 miles from Aswan to Mediterranean
 - Narrow region of _____ - 6 miles on either side of river
 - North- Nile spread to form fertile marshy area- _____
 - On either side of Egypt- _____
 - In far north- Nile splits into several streams- delta (_____)

The Course of the Nile River

- The Gifts of the Nile

- Spring- Nile flooded- brought silt

- (_____
_____)

- and deposited it in soil making it rich for farming

- Egyptians praised Hapi

- (_____)

The Course of the Nile River

- Black Land and Red Land
 - _____ - black lands- fertile land around Nile
 - Floods were somewhat regular- few flash floods, few dry years
 - Past black lands- red lands- _____ - Sahara to the west, Eastern Desert to the east

The Course of the Nile

- Desert Protection

- Deserts shielded Egypt from

- Unlike FC

- Still, not isolated- Nile Valley connected them with Central Africa and Mediterranean and Red Seas connected them to Southwest Asia

The Growth of Communities and Trade Along the Nile

- Living Along the Nile
 - Nubians- settled before farming (6000bc)- based on _____
 - _____ - farming settlements begin
 - Delta and valley regions
 - Straw and brick homes
 - Nubia- less farmland- fishing and duck hunting

The Growth of Communities and Trade Along the Nile

- A Highway for Trade
 - Egypt- could travel with current or against it using _____
 - Desert trade routes to Red Sea- _____
- Routes Through Nubia
 - River travel hard bc of _____
 - Land routes to/from Central Africa