Section 2

The Rulers of Egypt

Egyptian Kingship

- From Dynasty to Dynasty
 - Some rulers were good, others not so much
 - Dynasty

- 31 dynasties; 3100bc-332 bc
- 3 time periods:

Between kingdoms→ times of troubles, wars, bad rulers

Egyptian Kingship

• Egypt is Unified

_____ united upper and lower Egypt (the Two Lands)- began first dynasty

- Ruled from Memphis (near Cairo)
- Sculptures from the time show Narmer (a pharaoh) wearing two crowns, each repped a different area
 - Ppl think Menes and Narmer are the same person

Egyptian Kingship

- All-Powerful Pharaohs
 - Absolute power- complete control
 - Pharaohs could consult advisors or

(goddess of truth)

- People thought pharaohs were
 - Horus (falcon god)
 - Later included other gods- Re (sun god)
 - Thought pharaohs brought seasons and floods

The Three Kingdoms

• The Old Kingdom (2686-2125 bc)

and traded with Nubia-

conflicts rare

- Merchants went to (and across) Mediterranean for timber (and other trade items)
- Governors eventually challenged authority of pharaohs- unity crumbled

The Three Kingdoms

- The Middle Kingdom (2055-1650 bc)
 - Reunited the country
 - Nation's \$\$ used for

(construction and

irrigation, etc)

– Became ___

- Eventually rulers became weak, foreigners invaded

The Three Kingdoms

- The New Kingdom (1550-1069 bc)
 - 1567bc- princes drove out foreign invaders
 - Huge armies-

- Bronze swords and body armor- unstoppable
- King Tutankhamen (Tut)- child pharaoh- died when he was 18
 - Buried with ______- found in 1922- led to increase in Egyptian knowledge

- 1504 bc- _____ became a child pharaoh
- Step-mom Hatshepsut became

(someone who rules

for a child until the child is old enough to rule)

• Not satisfied, declared herself pharaoh for 15 years

- The Pharaoh Queen
 - A good pharaoh- peace and economic success
 - Encouraged ______ far away (Punt in east Africa)
 - Brought back ivory, skins, incense
 - Hatshepsut would not give Thutmose the throne when he grew up
 - Then she died
 - People think he might have ____

• Thutmose III Rules

– Great pharaoh- expanded empire through

- Reached the Euphrates and Nubia
- He also liked plants (and he was educated)
- Treated those he defeated with

- Ancient Egypt After the New Kingdom
 - Civil War eventually broke out
 - 332 bc- ______ of Macedonia conquered Egypt
 - 51 bc- ______ the last Macedonian ruler
 • ______ conquered Egypt in 31 bc
 • She ______ to avoid public humiliation of defeat