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| Civilization / Era: NUBIA | P olitical Characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kush – kingdom of Nubia gaining influence by 1750 BC Capital at Kerma, site of city walls, brick buildings, tombs for kings, metalworking/pottery center • Middle Kingdom Egypt (2040 BC – 1640 BC) is very aggressive towards Nubia, imposing control of gold mines through garrisoned forts • New Kingdom Egypt (1532 BC – 1070 BC) expands out and destroys Kush, extending southern boundary to 4th cataracts. -Egypt installs regional governor & exploits gold mines for 500 yrs • Meroe – kingdom of Nubia gaining influence by 800 BC Capital at Napata 800 BC – 400 BC Capital at Meroe 400 BC – 350 AD • 25th Dynasty – (712 BC – 660 BC) Kings of Nubia rule over all of Egypt until Assyrians push them back to Napata by 660 BC | A chievements (Cultural) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long considered peripheral region of Egypt and its culture • New view is that of a complex, developed culture that mutually benefited in trade/contact with Egypt • Meroe art combines Egyptian, Greco-Roman, indigenous influences • Also practiced mummification | R eligious Characteristics (Cultural) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship of Egyptian gods as well as indigenous gods, particularly Apedemak • Human sacrifice seen in servants, women, slaves being buried in tombs with passing of elite |
| Time Period: 3100 BC – 350 AD | | | |
| Related Key Concepts 1.2. The Neolithic Revolution and Early Agricultural Societies | | | |
| 1.3. The Development and Interactions of Early Agricultural, Pastoral, and Urban Societies | | | |
| Most Important Thing to Remember: Closely tied to Egypt | | | |
| The black Egyptians | | | |
| T echnological Characteristics (Cultural) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egyptian hieroglyphics utilized in tomb burials • Iron-working by 1000 BC | I nteraction with Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 mile stretch of Upper Nile River • Six cataracts block boat traffic and serve as obstacles and boundaries with Egypt to the north | E conomic Characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Kingdom caravan trade with Egypt (starting in 2300 BC) • Slaves (captured from nomads), ebony, incense, ivory, gold, exotic animals desired as luxury items • Copper & precious stones in mineral-rich Upper Nile region | S ocial Characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elite families sent children to Egyptian court to ensure loyalty and expose them to Egyptian culture (likely imposed on Nubians by Egypt) • Women had important role in society, as politics were matrilineal (Ex: king's succeeded by sister's son, Nubian queens ruled by themselves) |

