**History of Western Civilization to 1500 Mr. Kirchberg**

**(*UW-Marinette: History 105*)**

**Egyptian Civilization: “The Gift of the Nile”**

**I.** Geography

**A.** Nile [River](http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/images/pictures/earth/nileriverdelta.jpg) [Valley](http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/imagenes_ciencia/reich07_09a.jpg) Civilization

**1.** Nile River is the longest in the world

**a**. 4160 miles long

**Delta** **Lower Eg**. **b**. Source**:** Lake Victoria & mtns**.** of Ethiopia

**Upper** **c**. Flows south to north

**Egypt** **d.** Ends at the Mediterranean Sea

**e**. Last 750 mi**.** is where the civilization arose

**1st Cataract** **f**. Lower Egypt or last **~**100mi. of Nile **=** Delta

**6 Total** **g.** Upper Egypt is all Egypt south of Delta

**Cataracts h.** Unifying effect of Nile

**2.** Annual Inundation **(**flood**) —** June to October

**a.** **“**Black Land**” (**silt**)** vs. **“**Red Land**” (**desert**)**

**b.** Kept Egypt rural

**c.** Meant major cities developed at its end

**B.** Egypt’s natural defenses

**p. 18 2 Hymns** **1.** Desert to east & west

**Read &** **2.** Cataracts to south

**Analyze** **3.** Mediterranean Sea to north and Red Sea to East

**4.** Geography provided Egyptians a sense of

**Optimism** confidence & stability

**Pessimism (**Mesopotamians had a sense of foreboding & darkness**)**

**II.** Divisions of Egyptian History

**A.** First provided by Manetho, an Egyptian priest**/**historian

**1.** Currently 31 Dynasties

**2.** Three major [time](http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-ieYhFSsANVk/ThTJS17h-eI/AAAAAAAAAAg/IaKBh12IgWQ/s1600/egypt_time-line2.gif) periods **(**Old, Middle**,** & New**)**

**3.** Each divided by unstable times called

Intermediate Periods

**B.** Old Kingdom or **“**Age of Great Pyramids**”**

**1.** Originally unified by warfare by King

Menes**/**Narmer **~** [3100](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/0b/NarmerPalette_ROM-gamma.jpg) **B.C.E.**

**2.** Menes combined the white crown of Upper

**~3100 B.C.E.** Egypt with the red crown of Lower Egypt

**3.** Capital city at Memphis **(“**White Walls**”)**

**4.** Pharaoh **(“**Great House**”)** as a divine king

**a.** Sole job was to maintain order or [Ma**’**at](http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/egypt/maat.htm)

**COSMIC Amon-Re (Father) ORDER**

**Rules the Heavens**

**One in the Same**

**Pharaoh (Son) Rules on Earth**

**Setting**  **Aided by Ma’at** **Rising**

**(**West**)** **(**East**)**

**Sun** **Sun**

**One in the Same**

**Osiris (Dead Spirit of Pharaoh) Rules the**

**Underworld & Battles Chaos**

**b.** To obey the pharaoh was to maintain Ma**’**at

or **“**Cosmic Order**”**

**i.** [Truth](http://belsebuub.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/The_judgement_of_the_dead_in_the_presence_of_Osiris_process.jpg) & justice

**ii.** Aided by Priests of Amun-Re & a

bureaucracy **(**nobility**)**

**iii.** Vizier ran the gov’t for the pharaoh

**iv.** Divided kingdom into Nomes

***(1)*** *Administrative districts*

***(2)*** *22* ***=***[*Upper*](http://www.touregypt.net/images/touregypt/nomemap1.jpg) *Eg****.*** *& 20* ***=***[*Lower*](http://www.touregypt.net/images/touregypt/nome2.jpg) *Eg****.***

***(3)*** Nomarchs ran nomes and were rivals

to the pharaoh & vizier

***C.*** *First Intermediate Period* ***(****2180-2055* ***B.C.E.)***

***1.*** *Droughts & bankruptcy* ***(****pyramids****)*** *ended the O****.****K****.***

***2.*** *Rival dynasties arose esp. in Thebes & Heracleopolis*

***3.*** *Mentuhotep of Thebes begins Middle Kingdom*

**D.** Middle Kingdom **(**2055-1650 **B.C.E.)**

***1.*** *12th Dynasty was the most important*

***2.***[*Amenemhet*](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/7d/Amenemhet_III,_basalto,_seconda_met%C3%A0_del_XIX_sec._ac._02.JPG) *I (1938-1908* ***B.C.E.)***

***a.*** *Began the dynasty as a vizier*

***b.*** *Strong ruler who set the Nomes****’*** *boundaries*

***c.*** *Established the duties of nomarchs****,*** *esp. to*

*collect taxes-in-kind*

**3.** Pharaohs became more like shepherds

**4.** Egyptian hierarchy

**a.** Pharaoh

**b.** Vizier & Priests of Amon-Re

**c.** Nobility who ran gov’t and large estates

**d.** Merchants & Artisans

**e.** Landed peasants **(**like serfs**)**

**i.** Owned by the pharaoh

**ii.** Worked for the nobles

**iii.** Soldiers and labor at temples and

other gov’t complexes(anything for god king)

**5.** Egyptian Culture **(**no word for religion**)**

**a.** All about maintaining order

**b.** Sun was everything

**i.** God Atum**(**mo**/**un**)** or Aton had human form

**ii.** Re **(**Ra**)** was human with a falcon’s head

**iii.** Pharaoh was Atum-Re and his son and

was also Osiris **(**ruler & judge of the dead**)**

**c.** Osiris **=** [Nile](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/8e/Osiris-tomb-of-Nefertari.jpg) **=** resurrection

**i.** Versus [Seth](http://images.search.yahoo.com/images/view;_ylt=A0PDoVwlHVdQz18Ah7GJzbkF;_ylu=X3oDMTBlMTQ4cGxyBHNlYwNzcgRzbGsDaW1n?back=http%3A%2F%2Fimages.search.yahoo.com%2Fsearch%2Fimages%3Fp%3Dseth%2Bgod%26n%3D30%26ei%3Dutf-8%26fr%3Dyfp-t-701%26tab%3Dorganic%26ri%3D27&w=356&h=545&imgurl=sites.google.com%2Fsite%2Fcoelachant%2Fseth.h5.jpg&rurl=http%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fsite%2Fcoelachant%2Fegypte&size=58.1+KB&name=de+broer+van+osiris+was+seth+seth+was+jaloers+op+zijn+broer+omdat+hij+...&p=seth+god&oid=7a1bea532b79feea85567d9510cbaf7d&fr2=&fr=yfp-t-701&tt=de%2Bbroer%2Bvan%2Bosiris%2Bwas%2Bseth%2Bseth%2Bwas%2Bjaloers%2Bop%2Bzijn%2Bbroer%2Bomdat%2Bhij%2B...&b=0&ni=66&no=27&ts=&tab=organic&sigr=11eu47674&sigb=134je4hre&sigi=11ccq6lo2&.crumb=6qK44sSLopi), god of disorder **(**not evil**)**

**ii.** Osiris is killed by Seth & is cut up

**(1)** Reassembled by his [wife](http://www.egyptgiftshop.com/images/papyrus/paintings/osiris1_large.jpg) Isis

**(2)** Resurrected he rules & judges the

dead with his wife

**(3)** One worships him to achieve life

after death in Ma**’**ati **(**eternal order**)**

**(a)** Mummification was to help get

the spirit to Osiris

**(b)** Wrapped like him and mummies

were named **“**Osiris**”**

**(c)** Book of the Dead aids

one to [attain](http://teachmiddleeast.lib.uchicago.edu/historical-perspectives/the-question-of-identity/before-islam-egypt/images/identity-before-islam-egypt-15.jpg) Ma**’**ati

Book of the Dead **(d)** To fail judgment **(**sinful **=**

disorder**)** meant nothingness

**iii.** Cult of Osiris began for the wealthy and

later accepted all **(**morphed into [Cult](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/f/fe/Isis_Musei_Capitolini_MC744.jpg) of Isis**)**

**p. 22 process of iv.** By Middle Kingdom, all could be mummified

**mummification**  (From short cheap process of purification,

**as described by** to an expensive 70 day ritual)

**Herodotus (p. 22)** **d.** [Pyramids](http://images.search.yahoo.com/images/view;_ylt=A0PDoQ62NUVQtiwA.IOJzbkF;_ylu=X3oDMTBlMTQ4cGxyBHNlYwNzcgRzbGsDaW1n?back=http%3A%2F%2Fimages.search.yahoo.com%2Fsearch%2Fimages%3Fp%3Dpyramids%26fr%3Dyfp-t-701%26fr2%3Dpiv-web%26tab%3Dorganic%26ri%3D6&w=2278&h=1876&imgurl=mendonews.files.wordpress.com%2F2011%2F11%2Fpyramid-of-khafre.jpg&rurl=http%3A%2F%2Fmendonews.wordpress.com%2F2011%2F11%2F21%2Fthe-revelation-of-the-pyramids%2F&size=1.9+KB&name=The+Revelation+of+the+Pyramids+%C2%AB+Ganja+Farmer%26%2339%3Bs%2C+EMERALD+TRIANGLE+...&p=pyramids&oid=a278990f1d66cc9af545dd945b273f34&fr2=piv-web&fr=yfp-t-701&tt=The%2BRevelation%2Bof%2Bthe%2BPyramids%2B%25C2%25AB%2BGanja%2BFarmer%2526%252339%253Bs%252C%2BEMERALD%2BTRIANGLE%2B...&b=0&ni=48&no=6&ts=&tab=organic&sigr=129matn1t&sigb=131ibm38n&sigi=11rkqa2gt&.crumb=rwYdnWzLUQq)

**i.** [Mostly](http://www.3dmekanlar.com/en/the-pyramids.html) of the [Old](https://www.airpano.com/files/Egypt-Cairo-Pyramids/2-2) Kingdom

**ii.** One part of a **“**City of the Dead**”**

**iii.** Built for a pharaoh’s ka**/**ba (home**)**

**(**Storage of goods & food**)**

**iv.** Immediate family members and high

officials were buried in smaller pyramids

or [mastabas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mastaba) **(**type of stone **“**pillbox**”)**

**v.** First pyramid built was the [Step](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pyramid_of_Djoser_2010.jpg) Pyramid

of Saqqara

**Later deified (1)** Designed by the Vizier Imhotep

***(2)*** *For the 3rd dynasty Pharaoh, Djoser*

***(~****2667-2649* ***B.C.E.)***

[**Social order**](https://empoweryourknowledgeandhappytrivia.files.wordpress.com/2014/10/egyptian-social-pyramid.jpg) ***vi.*** *First flat sided was for Snefru*

***(~****2635-2589* ***B.C.E.)*** *of the 4th Dynasty*

**vii.** Largest pyramid was built for Khufu

**(~**2620-2566 **B.C.E.)** & took 20 yrs**.**

**e.** Artwork was functional & purposeful

**i.** To impart a religious message

**ii.** Used politically to justify a ruler

**iii.** Formulaic with rules

**(1)** Open legs vs. closed legs or

pointed beard vs. squared beard

**(2)** Art & writing could be raised or chiseled

**pictograms** **f.** Hieroglyphics for [writing](http://www.eyelid.co.uk/hieroglyphic-typewriter.html) by 3000 **B.C.E.**

**& ideograms** **(**hieros **= “**sacred**” &** gluphein **=** **“**to carve**”)**

**6.** Hyksos **(“**Princes of the desert**”)** **(~**1650-1550 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Ended the Middle Kingdom

**(**Hebrews**??)** **b.** Asiatic Semitic invaders

**c.** Came through the Sinai Peninsula

**d.** Conquered Lower Egypt and part of Upper

**i.** With 2-wheel war chariots, bronze

weapons and compound bow

**ii.** Hated by the Egyptians

**iii.** Upper Egypt expelledthemby

1570 **B.C.E.** using Hyksos technology

**E.** New Kingdom **(**Empire**) (~**1550-1070 **B.C.E.)**

**1.** [Ahmose](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/18/AhmoseI-StatueHead_MetropolitanMuseum.png) I **(~**1550-1525 **B.C.E.) –** 18th [Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Ahmose-mummy-head.png)

**a.** Finished the expulsion of the Hyksos

**b.** Began an imperialistic future with a

professional army & a vizier as a general **2.** [Thutmose](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e1/Thutmose_I_mummy.png) I **(~**1524-1518 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Great warrior general

**b.** Conquered Nubia

**3.** Thutmose III (**~**[1480](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Thutmose_III_Head.jpg)-1450 **B.C.E.**)

**“Napoleon** **a.** [Stepson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:TuthmosisIII-2.JPG) of the 1st ever woman ruler, [Hatshepsut](http://images.metmuseum.org/CRDImages/eg/web-large/Hatshepsut2012.jpg)

**of Egypt”** **i.** Used Hatshepsut’s great economic

advancements to fund great conquests

**Brought Egypt to** **ii.** Probably killed Hatshepsut to become pharaoh

**its greatest size b.** Conquered Canaan & Phoenicia

**c.** Allowed locals to rule

**4.** [Amenhotep](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Colossal_Amenhotep_III_British_Museum.jpg) III (**~**1412-1375 **B.C.E.**)

**a.** Great conqueror and builder

**b.** Built the great temples at Luxor & Karnak

**c.** Had built 70ft. tall statues of himself

**d.** Fought the advancements of the Hittites

**5.** [Amenhotep IV](https://slideplayer.com/slide/4363000/14/images/65/Amenhotep+IV+-+%28Akenhaten%29.jpg) **=** Akhenaten **(**18th Dynasty**)**

**(**1353**/**1351-1336**/**1334 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Second eldest son of Amenhotep III

**b.** Received religious training

**c.** Became pharaoh [suddenly](http://www.mmdtkw.org/EGtkw05043Akhenaten2.jpg) when dad died

right after the eldest [son](http://tribktla.files.wordpress.com/2013/09/dennis_rodman_topo.jpg)

**d.** Anormal & beloved pharaoh his first 5 years

**e.** Ugly appearance

**f.** He suddenly shifted Egypt towards monotheism

**i.** Cult of Aten-Re the Sun disc

**ii.** Only **3** deities

(**1**) Aten-Re the beloved father & creator  
**Type of Trinity** **(2)** Ma**’**at or the spirit of justice & order

**(3)** The beloved son of Aten-Re who was

known as **Akhenaton (“**Servant of the Aton**”)**

**iii.** Dismissed priests of Amon-Re & took

the church’s wealth

**iv.** Moved capital at Thebes to a new city

named Tell-el-Amarna

**v.** Forced the nation to convert **(**most didn**’**t**)** **Compare** [**Hymn**](https://projectaugustine.com/biblical-studies/ancient-near-east-studies/parallelism-between-the-hymn-to-aten-and-psalm-104/) **of** **(1)** People wanted the orderliness of

**Aten to “Psalm** **104”** their gods

**(p.25) (2)** Akhenaten was effeminate in

appearance & portrayed as [caring](https://slideplayer.com/slide/4363000/14/images/65/Amenhotep+IV+-+%28Akenhaten%29.jpg)

**g.** Appeared to kiss a co-pharaoh who might

have been his wife Nefertiti

[Moses](http://image.wikifoundry.com/image/1/yysyA0k8fwmydxqLFouEiA32625/GW438H200)?? **h.** Faith reverted upon Akhenaton’s death

**6.** [Tutankhaten](http://media.npr.org/assets/img/2011/01/07/king-tut_custom-d0ee41453f1a757002921cab83ab684624d63b91-s6-c30.jpg)**/**[Tutankhamun](http://www.redicecreations.com/ul_img/11845tut_inner.jpg) (**~**1347-1338 **B.C.E.**)

**a.** Pharaoh at age 14

**b.** Reversed the changes of his dad Akhenaton

**c.** His wife**/**half**-**sister married the Vizier

Ay after Tut’s death

**7.** [Ramses II](http://i-cias.com/e.o/ramses_2.htm) (1279-1213 **B.C.E.**)

**a. “**The Great Ancestor**”**

**b.** Fought the Hittites to a draw

**c.** Over 200 kids and the pharaoh of *Exodus*

**d**. [Ramses](http://images.search.yahoo.com/images/view;_ylt=A0PDoQxiqTpQzlIARc2JzbkF;_ylu=X3oDMTBlMTQ4cGxyBHNlYwNzcgRzbGsDaW1n?back=http%3A%2F%2Fimages.search.yahoo.com%2Fsearch%2Fimages%3Fp%3Dramses%2BIIi%26fr%3Dyfp-t-701%26fr2%3Dpiv-web%26tab%3Dorganic%26ri%3D8&w=400&h=506&imgurl=www.egiptologia.com%2Fimages%2Fstories%2Fsociedad%2Fradiactividad%2Framses_3.jpg&rurl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.egiptologia.com%2Fsociedad-tecnica-y-cultura%2F517-la-radiactividad-en-el-antiguo-egipto.html%3Fshowall%3D1&size=35+KB&name=Ramses+III&p=ramses+IIi&oid=1e447661eb79ac4650794965261648b2&fr2=piv-web&fr=yfp-t-701&tt=Ramses%2BIII&b=0&ni=48&no=8&ts=&tab=organic&sigr=13eri88r7&sigb=133v2n8au&sigi=126j3q78h&.crumb=rwYdnWzLUQq) III **(**1187-1156 **B.C.E.)—**20th Dynasty

**i.** Called the **“**Last great Pharaoh**”**

**ii.** Defeated two invasions by Sea Peoples

when no other peoples had

**8.** Foreigners would rule in later years

of the New kingdom **(Ex.** Alex the Great**)**

**9.** Eventually Egypt would become a

Province of Rome under Augustus Caesar

**III.** Daily Life of Ancient Egypt

**A.** Women

**1.** Promiscuity was common for singles

**2.** Married young and arranged by parents

**3.** Extra wives okay for extra kids

**4.** Pharaohs had harems to procreate like a god

**5.** Queen was the **“**Great Wife**”**

**6.** Wives ran homes and responsible for education

**7.** Women could inherit and run some businesses

**8.** Peasant women worked in fields

**9.** Upper-class women could be a priestess **(**later yrs**.)**

or even a **“**pharaoh**” –** several instances

**a.** [Hatshepsut](http://mathildasanthropologyblog.files.wordpress.com/2008/07/hatshepsut11.jpg) **(**[1512](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hatshepsut)**-**1458 **B.C.E)**

**i.** 1**st** woman ruler of a nation ever**????**

**ii.** Seized control after the death of

her husband Thutmosis II

**b.** [Nitocris](http://ancientegyptonline.co.uk/QueenNitocris.html) **(End of** Sixth Dynasty**)**

**Confusion in i.** 1st Woman Pharaoh**?**

**research & conclusions ii.** Or really the male king**,** Neitiqerty Siptah

**10.** Divorce was allowed

**a.** Some instances of compensations for wives

**b.** Adultery was forbidden with severe

penalties for wives **(**cut off a nose or burned**)**

**B.** Wealthy lived well

**1.** Walled estates **2.** Lavish gardens

**3.** Great banquets with etiquette **(**See pgs. 27 & 29**)**

**4.** Loved music with singers & instruments

**5.** Did fowling of waterfowl with boomerangs and

trained retriever cats

**6.** Men only hunted from chariots with dogs

**7.** Egyptians loved board games using dice

**IV.** Two Peoples Egypt fought, but never conquered

**A.** [Sea](http://images.search.yahoo.com/images/view;_ylt=A0PDoKgZKkVQljUAjs.JzbkF;_ylu=X3oDMTBlMTQ4cGxyBHNlYwNzcgRzbGsDaW1n?back=http%3A%2F%2Fimages.search.yahoo.com%2Fsearch%2Fimages%3Fp%3DSea%2BPeoples%26ei%3DUTF-8%26fr%3Dyfp-t-701%26tab%3Dorganic%26ri%3D2&w=348&h=350&imgurl=atlantipedia.ie%2Fimages%2Fsea_peoples_.jpg&rurl=http%3A%2F%2Fatlantipedia.ie%2Fsamples%2Fsea-peoples%2F&size=80.8+KB&name=Sea+Peoples+%28A%29&p=Sea+Peoples&oid=671f89b748b009ccc0daaeee5470bb9d&fr2=&fr=yfp-t-701&tt=Sea%2BPeoples%2B%2528A%2529&b=0&ni=42&no=2&ts=&tab=organic&sigr=11b2uplu7&sigb=13177si20&sigi=11702e38b&.crumb=rwYdnWzLUQq) Peoples **(a.k.a.** Indo-Europeans**)**

**1.** They are the ancestors of people who speak Celtic,

Latin, Greek, Persian, Sanskrit, and German

**2.** Originated north of the Black Sea

**3.** First migrated westward about 2000 **B.C.E.** and

to the east into India **(**Indo-Aryans**)**

**4.** Created the Hittite Empire in Anatolia

**5.** Later migrations **~**1200 **B.C.E. –** Sea Peoples

**B.** Hittites (**~**1600 -1190 **B.C.E.)**

**1.** Capital at Hattusas

**2.** Hittite Empire began about 1600 **B.C.E.**

**3.** Suppiluliuma(s) **(~**[1370](https://i.ytimg.com/vi/L65Co8zpODU/hqdefault.jpg)-1330 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Greatest Hittite King

**b.** Conquered the Mitanni Kingdom and

controlled what is today Syria & Turkey

**c.** Key to success was their secret of iron weapons

**d.** Hittites signed the first peace treaty with

Ramses II in 1275 **B.C.E.**

**4.** By 1190 Hittites were losing to their **“**cousins**”**

the Sea Peoples and raiders called the Gasga

**5.** Battling for the throne of the **“**Great King**”**

worsened matters

**6.** They allowed local rulers to rule’

**7.** They absorbed the culture, the teachings and the

advancements of others

**a.** Especially absorbed the culture & ideas of

Mesopotamia

**b.** They transmitted Mesopotamian culture to

the Mycenaean Greeks and Phoenicians and

helped begin Western Civilization

**V.** Megaliths of the Late Neolithic Age

**A. “**Large Stone**”** structures

1. Begun about 4000 **B.C.E.**

**2.** Especial built throughout the British Isles

**(ex.** [Stonehenge](http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Stonehenge)**)**

**B.** Shows an adeptness for astronomy and a

coordination of workers