

**Nile River
Valley
Civilization
The Old Kingdom
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Overview

- Geography: Borders, Topography, & Natural resources - Ronit
- Name and Origins - Ronit
- Government System - Rachel
- Trade - Rachel
- Hierarchy systems - Rachel
- Architecture-Karina
- Art-Karina
- Beliefs and myths- Syd
- Communication-Syd

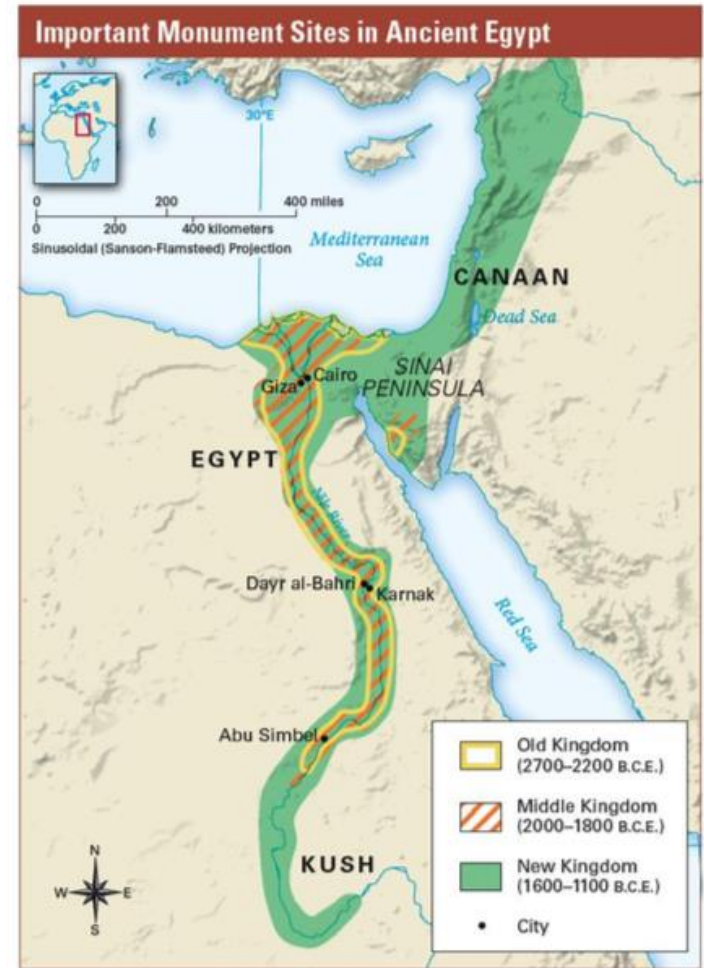
Egypt

2613-2181 BCE



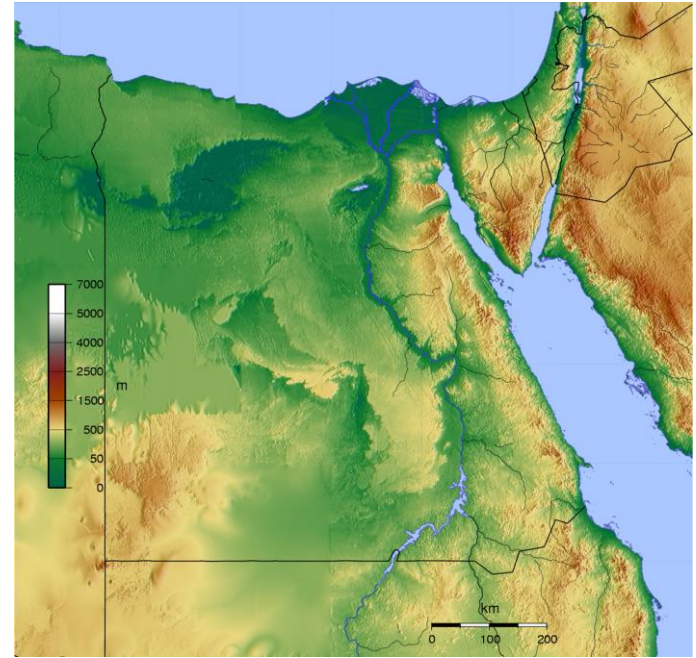
Geography

- Memphis, Nile River
 - S - Upper Nile
 - N - Lower Nile
- Nile Cataracts (6)
- *Desert*
- Expands to Levant



Topography

- Low Lying floodplains
- Mediterrean > Red
- Mt. Catherine
 - 8,668 feet (2,642 metres)
- Qattara Depression
 - 7,000 square miles (18,100 square km)



Natural Resources



- Nile
 - Fish
 - Transportation
 - Papyrus
- Quarries
- Steatite for Scarabs
- 3% Arable - Eventual Downfall



Name

- Three Kingdoms
- King Djoser (c. 2649 BC or c. 2611 BC)
 - Collected Tax
 - Ruled (c. 2650-2613 BCE)
 - Ruled Nomes

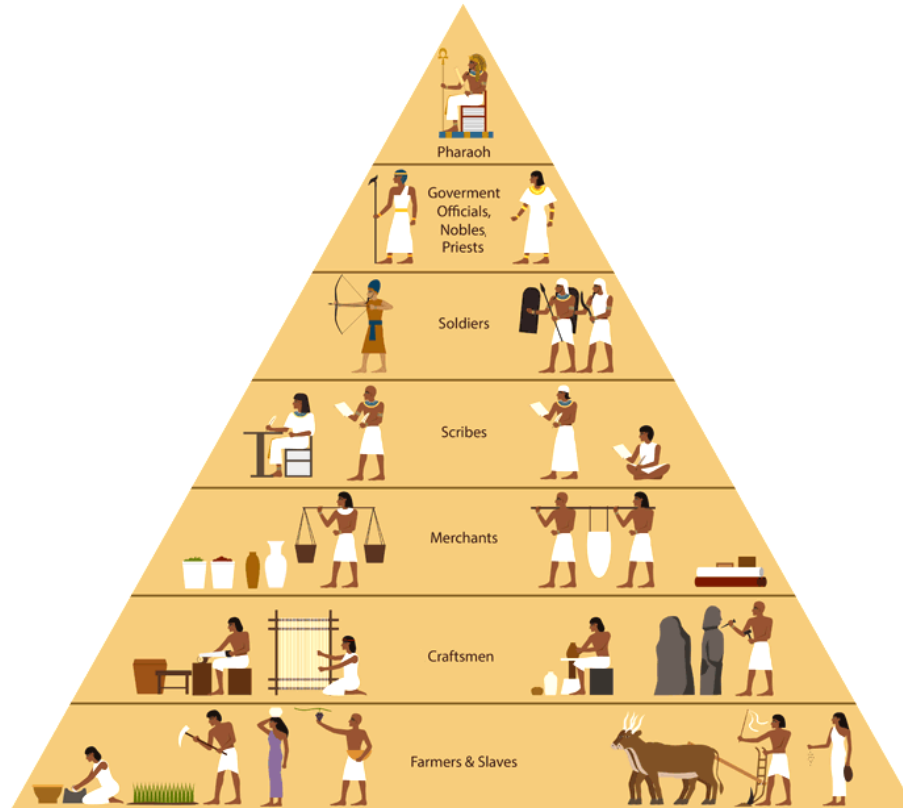


Government

- Theocratic monarchy
- Divine kingship
- Pharaoh
- Vizier



Hierarchy Systems



Trade

- Trade routes along the Nile, in the Red sea and the Mediterranean Sea
- Imports
 - Lapis lazulis, ivory, etc.
- Exports
 - Papyrus, grain, etc.



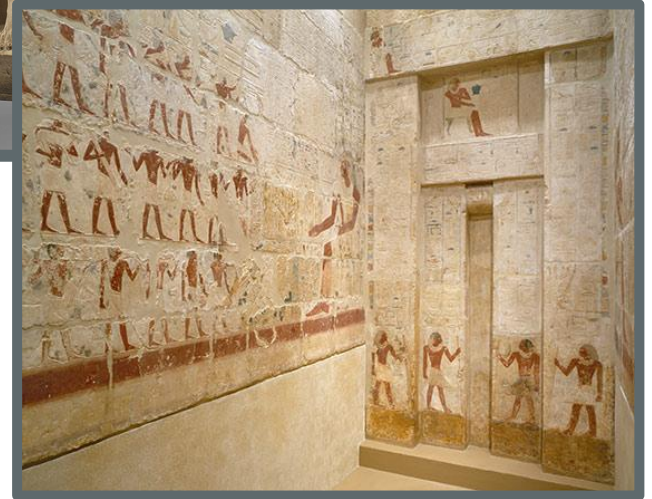
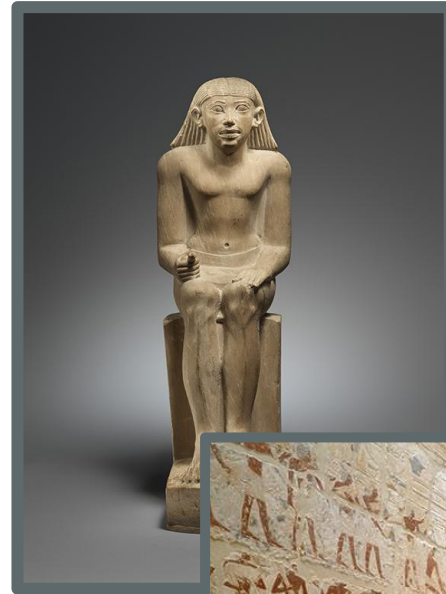
Architecture

- Pyramids are the most well known, yet they are not the greatest architecture of Egypt
- Before the Pyramid, Egyptians built Mastabas to honor their dead
- King Djoser built the first pyramid at Saqqara
- Pyramids of Giza are considered the greatest architecture of the time
- Stones for these structures were quarried from the Nile



Art

- Red polished black-topped ceramics with geometric or descriptive ornamentation (usually related to hunting)
- Pottery painted with white and later with red colors
- Gold silver and copper jewelry
- Paintings, sculptures, drawings on papyrus
- Jewelry, ivories, architecture
- Paintings on tombs
- Pottery



Beliefs and Myths

- Core belief in the principle of harmony (Ma'at)
- Polytheistic, believed Isis or Osiris brought them agriculture
- Creation myth: the “primordial mound”
- Afterlife in the Field of Reeds
 - Book of the Dead
 - Feather of Ma'at
- Divine kingship



Communication

- Hieroglyphic writing system
 - Record keeping
- Visual depictions of cultural scenes
 - Continuity
 - “Holy Writing”
- Origins derived from early hunting communities
- Hieratic, the “Priestly Script”



Fall of the Old Kingdom

Ravished by drought, the Old Kingdom lost their resources and experienced a famine that would eventually spell their downfall

Kahoot Time

Egypt Time

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