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**Geography of Ancient Egypt**

**Directions: Read pages 278-282 in the *Eastern World* textbook. Answer the questions below from the selection.**

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| 1. Why was the delta of the Nile River well suited for settlement? | **Provided fertile soil and abundant wildlife; was near the sea** |
| 2. How much of Egypt’s fertile farmland was located in the Nile Delta? | **About two-thirds** |
| 3. Critical Thinking: How might the Nile’s cataracts have both helped and hurt Egypt? | **Provided protection against invasion, but made travel on river difficult** |
| 4. How did farmers use the Nile to grow their crops? | **Built canals to direct the Nile’s water to the fields** |
| 5. What attracted early settlers to the Nile Valley? | **Plants, wild animals, and fish to eat; natural protection from invasion** |
| 6. Who was the first pharaoh of Egypt? | **Menes** |
| 7. What does the title “pharaoh” mean? | **Great House** |
| 8. Critical Thinking: Why did the pharaohs of the First Dynasty wear a double crown? | **To symbolize the unification of Lower & Upper Egypt** |
| 9. Where did the First Dynasty extend its power? | **Extended Egyptian territory southward along the Nile and into Southwest Asia** |
| 10. How did the First Dynasty end? | **Challengers took over Egypt and established the second Dynasty** |