**Ancient Egypt Study Guide**

\*\*Study your map and vocabulary\*\*

1. Why was Egypt considered the gift of the Nile?
   1. **The Nile River brought fertility and life to the region.**
2. Why did the Egyptians blame the pharaoh if the crops did not grow or if disease struck?
   1. **He was considered both ruler and god**
3. What was the purpose of the pyramids?
   1. **They were tombs for the pharaohs so they could be happy in the afterlife**
4. Why was the New Kingdom so wealthy and powerful?
   1. **Egypt conquered many distant lands**
5. Who made up the largest social class in Egypt?
   1. **Farmers**
6. Why was the Rosetta Stone so important?
   1. **It was a Greek text that matched early Egyptian writing so it helped historians study hieroglyphics**
7. Why were the parts of the Nile River called Upper and Lower Egypt?
   1. **Upper Egypt was upriver from Lower Egypt**
8. What problem did cataracts cause on the Nile?
   1. **It made sailing difficult on the southern portion**
9. How did Menes unite Upper and Lower Egypt?
   1. **He married a princess from Lower Egypt**
10. During what era were the pyramids built?
    1. **The Old Kingdom**
11. List the social classes from top to bottom.
    1. **Pharaoh**
    2. **Priests, government officials, and nobles**
    3. **Scribes and craftspeople**
    4. **Artisans, artists, and architects**
    5. **Merchants and traders**
    6. **Soldiers**
    7. **Farmers and peasants**
    8. **Slaves**
12. When did farmers work on the pharaoh’s building projects?
    1. **During the flooding season**
13. What ended the Middle Kingdom?
    1. **The Hyskos conquered Egypt and ruled it for 200 years**