

Section 1.3 Key Terms

Directions: On your own paper, write definitions for each key term that includes an answer to the question.

1. **Nile River**
In what direction does the Nile River flow?
2. **Sahara Desert**
What affect does the Sahara have on the Nile River Valley?
3. **delta**
Where does the Nile delta form?
4. **Red Sea**
How could these entities be politically independent?
5. **Herodotus**
What did Herodotus call Egypt?
6. **papyrus**
What uses did papyrus have in Egypt?
7. **Nubia**
What could be found abundantly in Nubia?
8. **Narmer**
Who is believed to also have been Narmer?
9. **hieroglyphics** and **hieratic**
How were each of these writing systems used?
10. **nuclear families**
Which Egyptian families tended to remain in nuclear families?
11. **pantheon**
What gods are a part of the Egyptian pantheon?
12. **embalming**
Why was embalming important for the afterlife?
13. **cults**
What were the responsibilities of cult priests?
14. **theocracy**
Why is Egypt's government considered a theocracy?
15. **ma'at**
Whose responsibility was it to maintain ma'at?
16. **command economy**
What institution was responsible for keeping track of all economic activity?
17. **vizier**
What was the primary responsibility of the vizier?
18. **The Rosetta Stone**
What written languages are found on the Rosetta Stone?
19. **The Great Pyramid of Giza**
What do the pyramids show scholars about the Old Kingdom?

20. **inundation**
What did Old Kingdom farmers do during seasons of inundation?
21. **compulsory labor**
Did Old Kingdom farmers receive anything in return for their work?
22. **nomarchs**
During what period were the nomarchs able to expand their power and influence?
23. **standing army**
Why did Egypt feel a need to develop a standing army?
24. **Hyksos**
What technology did the Hyksos bring with them into Egypt?
25. **hubris**
How did hubris play a role in the fall of the Middle Kingdom?
26. **assimilate**
How did the Hyksos decision to assimilate lead to the end of the Second Intermediate Period?