



History 101

Western Civilization To 1715



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HI 101 – Western Civilization

“The story of how we’ve gone from the Garden of Eden to Mobile, Alabama”

HI 101 will cover the first 14 Chapters of our textbook.

This is 444 pages which averages to 18 pages/class meeting. Roughly 110 pages/exam.

There are outside papers and opportunities for “extra credit” as well as weekly on-line quizzes.

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Aug. 20	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 1)
Aug. 25	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 2)
Aug. 27	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 3 Article One Approved
Sept. 1	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 4)
Sept. 4	Article Review One – DUE
Sept. 8	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 5)
Sept. 11	EXAM ONE – Ch 1-5
Sept. 16	Proof of Voter Registration

Extra Credit

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1. not US citizen
2. Under that age of 18
3. a convicted felon who has not had your voting rights restored
4. been judged by a court to be mentally incompetent

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19th Century Fraternalism

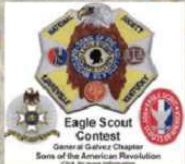
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[Fuerte Carlota Address - April 13, 2013](#)

[Sacred Retreat of Friendship and Virtue \(Plumbline, 2011\)](#)

[Masonic Colleges in Antebellum Alabama \(J. of The Masonic Society, 2013\)](#)

[Mistaken Identity \(Scottish Rite Journal, 2016\)](#)

[Introduction to the History of Alabama Freemasonry \(2020\)](#)

[F&AM: Now but not Always \(2020\)](#)

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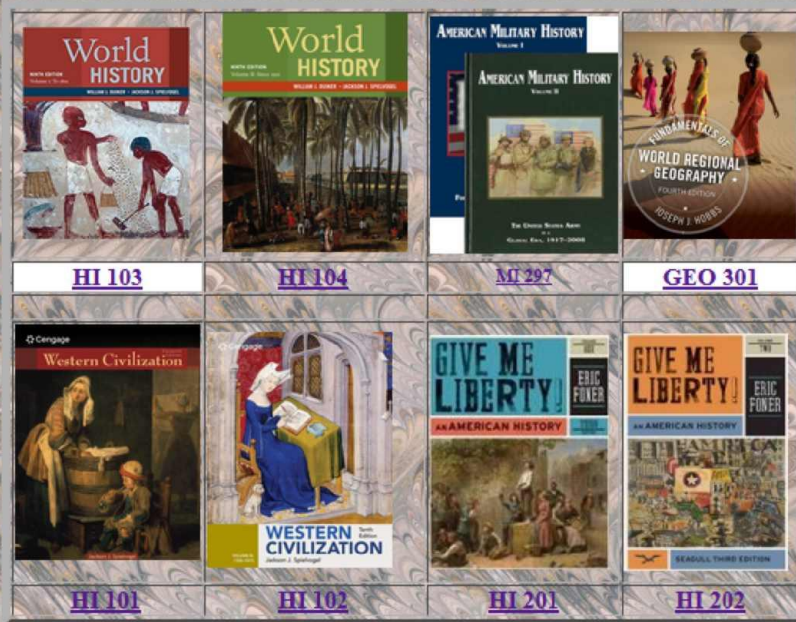
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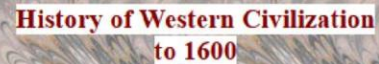


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Presentations

Changes

Study Aids

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3 x 5 index card

Name (and the name you like to be called by)

Email (if different than rammail)

Hometown

Major/minor and class

Any UM activities (music, athletics)

Last history course you took

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List THREE people who lived before 1500
and made a significant impact on history...

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**“History does not
repeat itself...
but it does rhyme.”**

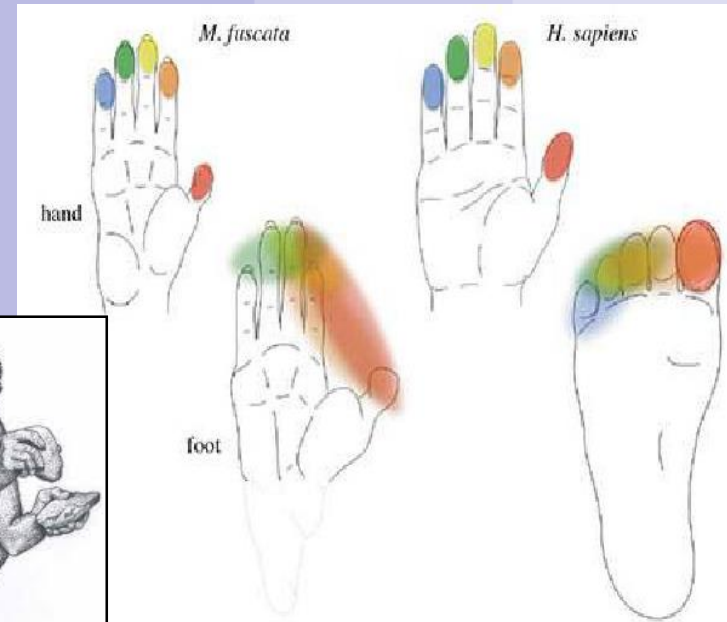
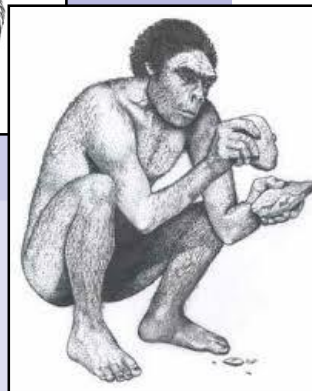
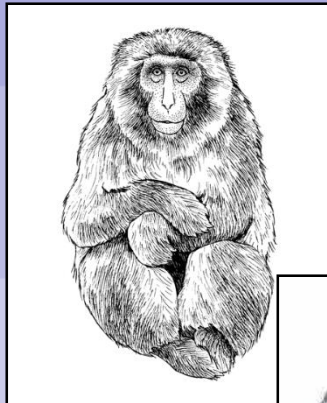
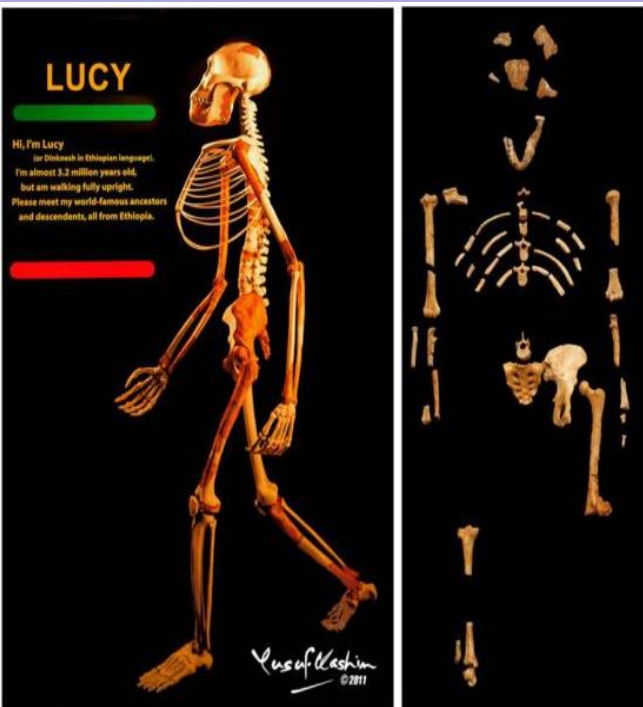
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Human Origins: Before Homo Sapiens

Hominids -

1. upright walking
2. flexible hands
3. speech
4. changing brain

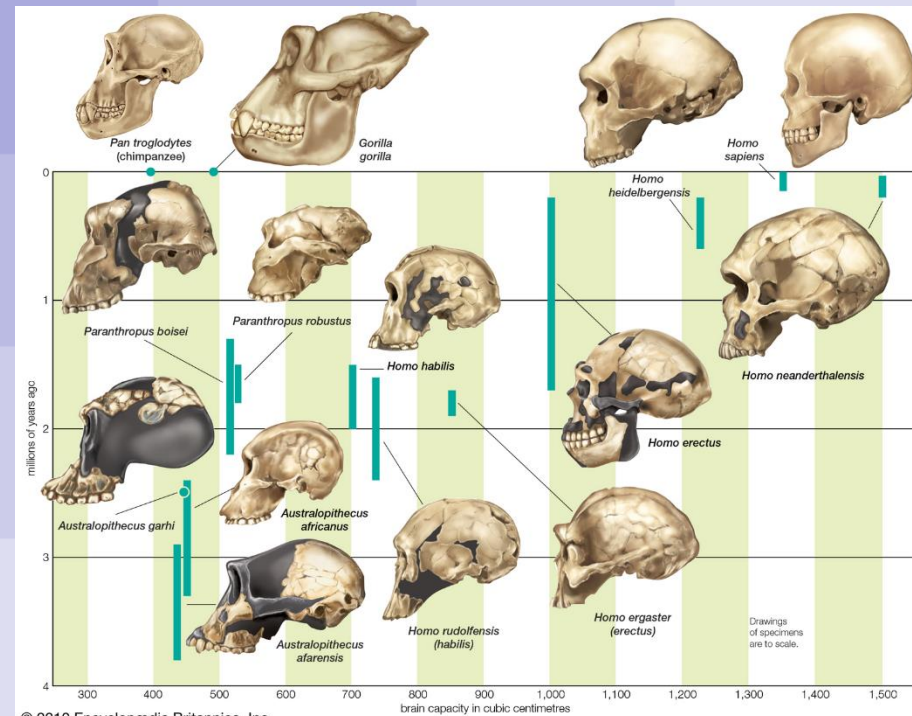


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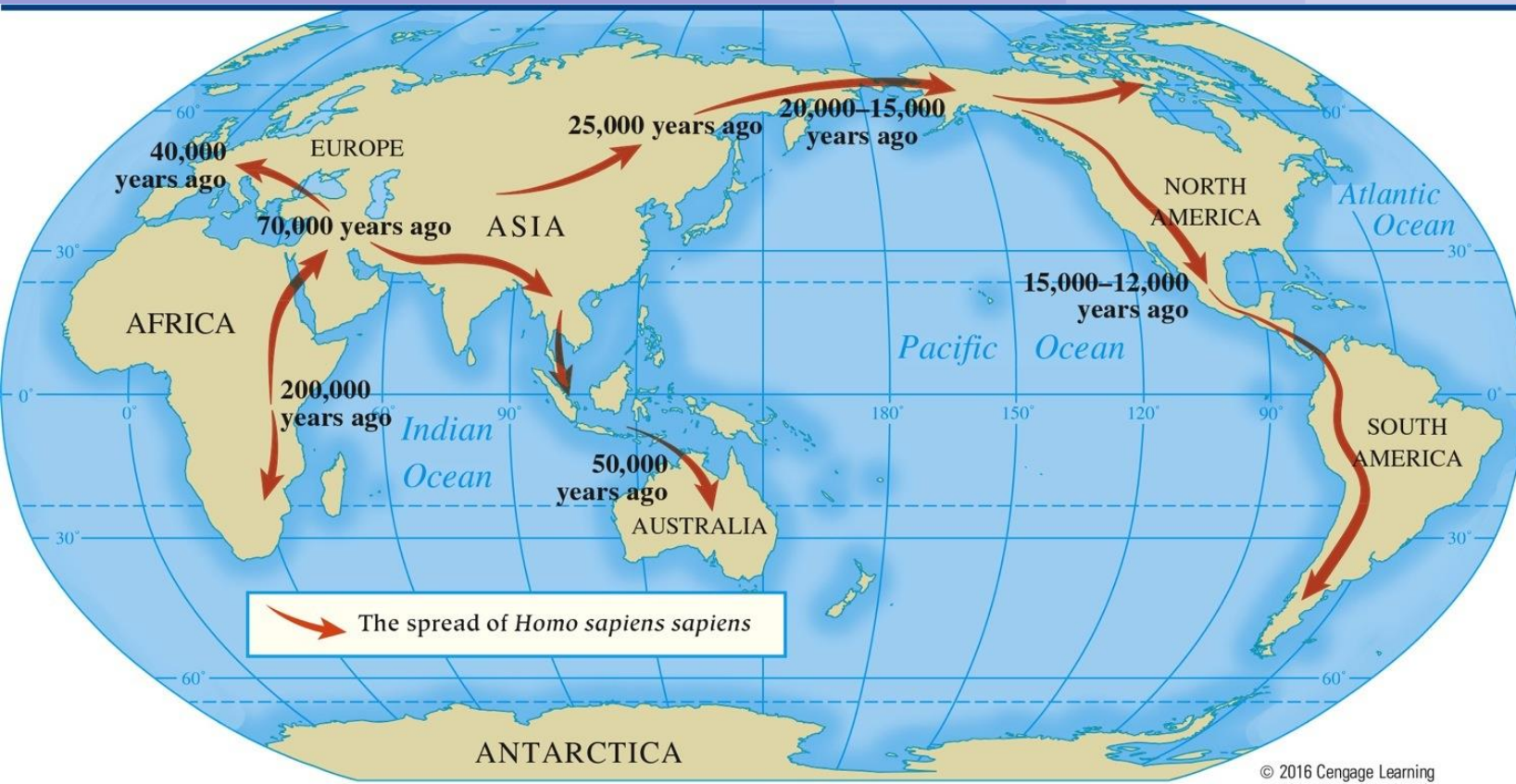
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Out of Africa

- 1. Hominin Migrations
- 2. Ice Ages
- 3. Human Adaptation to the Natural World



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Mesopotamia

Nile Valley

PLUS

Indus River

Huang Ho (Yellow) River

Andean (Inca)

Mesoamerica (Mayan)

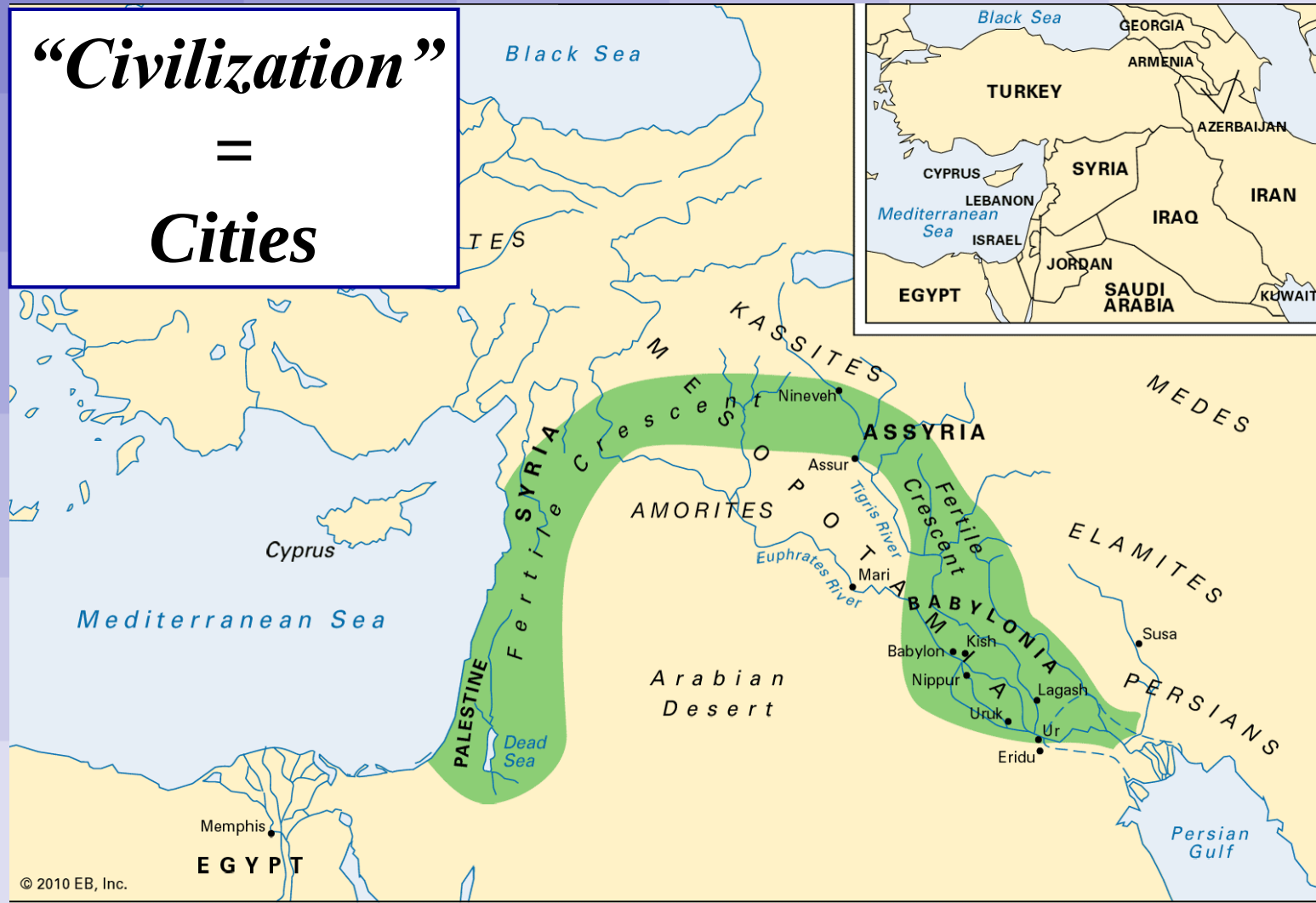
Characteristics of Civilization (page 5)

1. **Urban Focus**
2. **Distinct religious structure**
3. **New Political and Military structures**
4. **New social structure based on economic power**
5. **Development of writing**
6. **New forms of significant artistic and intellectual activity**

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The First Civilizations in Mesopotamia

“Land between the Rivers”



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The First Civilizations in Mesopotamia

Babylon

(The Code of Hammurabi)

~1770 BC



IF...
THEN

The Code of Hammurabi primitive constitution or judicial decisions

IF...

THEN



“If any one is committing a robbery and is caught, then he shall be put to death.”

“If any one open his ditches to water his crop, but is careless, and the water flood the field of his neighbor, then he shall pay his neighbor corn for his loss.”

“If a man be guilty of incest with his daughter, he shall be driven from the place (exiled).”

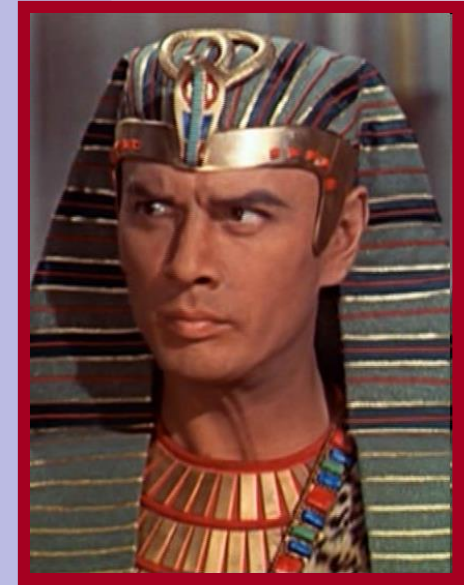
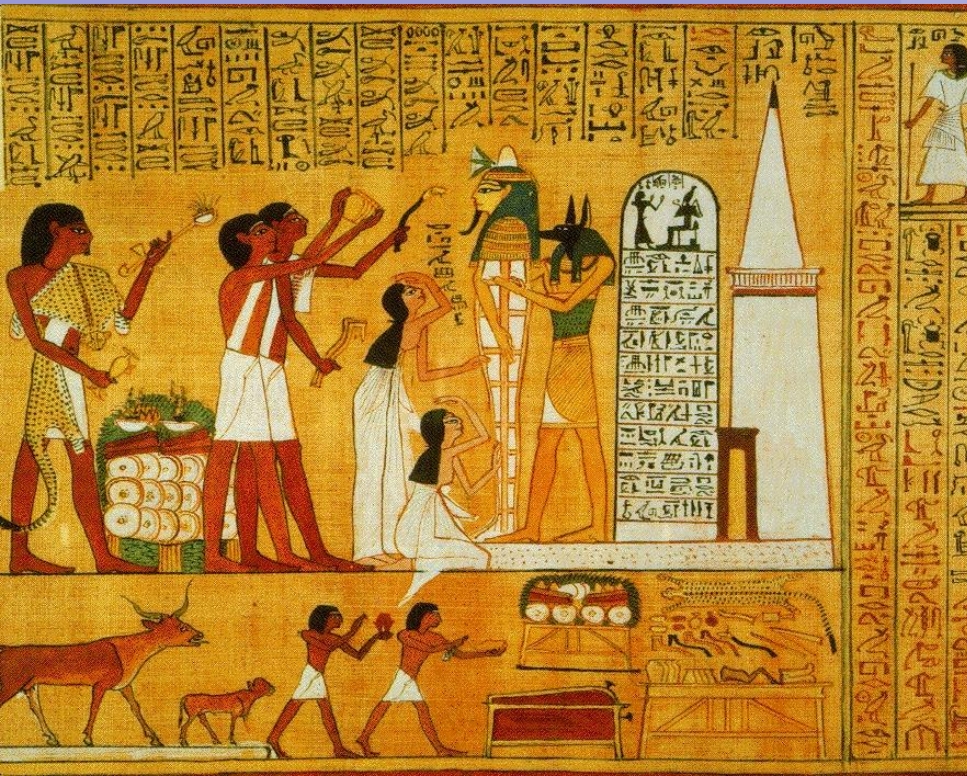
“If a man knock out the teeth of his equal, his teeth shall be knocked out.”

“If a physician heal the broken bone or diseased soft part of a man, the patient shall pay the physician five shekels in money.”

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Egypt

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Land of the Nile

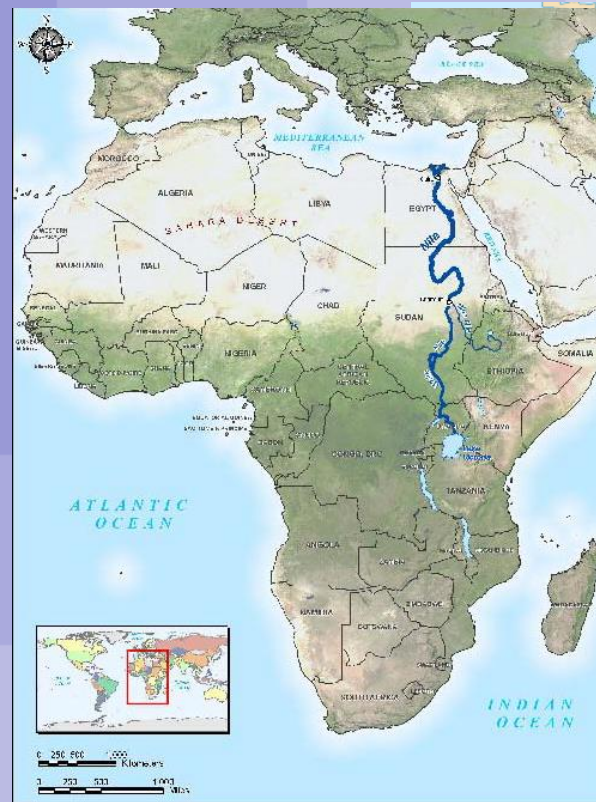
Longest river in the world

4,258 miles

(Mississippi – 2,320 miles)

Fall Floods – most effective fertilizer
until the cow

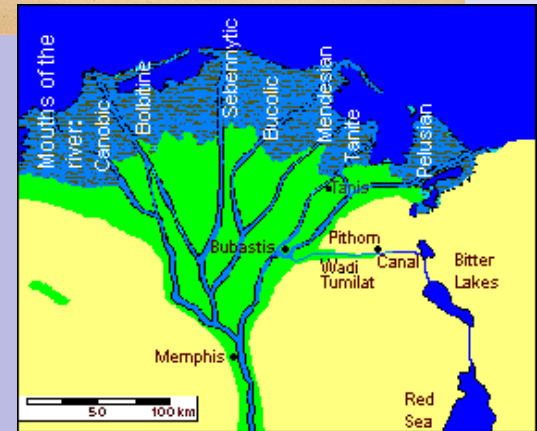
North Winds and North flowing
current permits navigation



*Babylonians may have
used trig. first ~1800 BC*

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OLD KINGDOM

2686-2181 BC

Pharaohs organized a strong central state, were absolute rulers, and were considered gods.

Egyptians built **pyramids** at Giza.

Power struggles, crop failures, and cost of pyramids contributed to the collapse of the Old Kingdom.

MIDDLE KINGDOM

2125-1650 BC

Large drainage project created arable farmland.

Traders had contacts with Middle East and Crete.

Corruption and rebellions were common.

Hyksos invaded and occupied the delta region.

NEW KINGDOM

1550-1069 BC

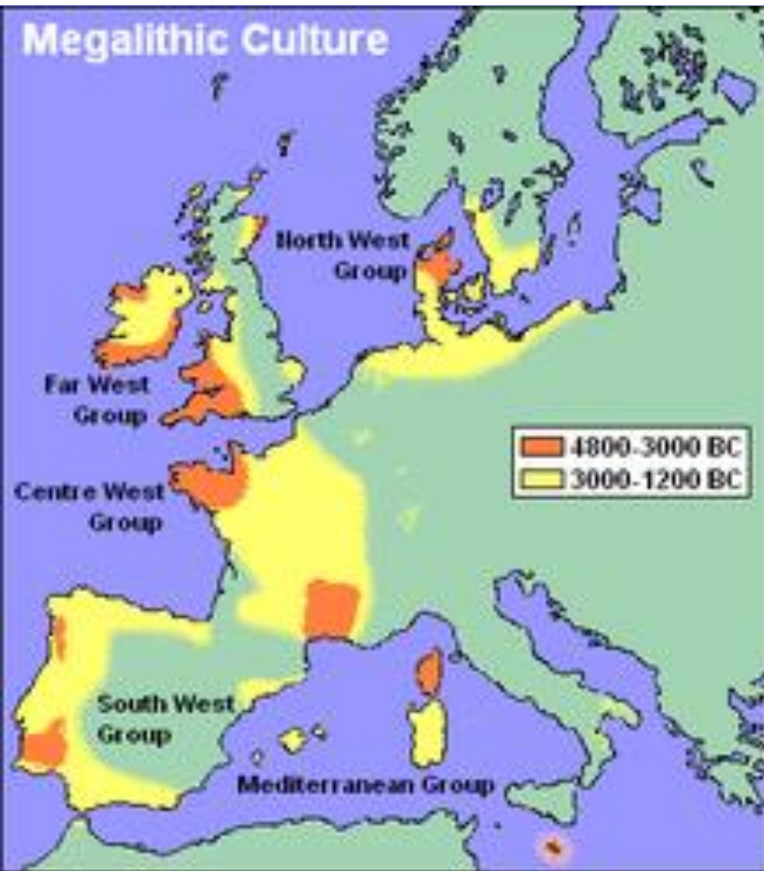
Powerful pharaohs created a large empire that reached the Euphrates River.

Hatshepsut encouraged trade.

Ramses II expanded Egyptian rule to Syria.

Egyptian power declined.

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Stonehenge – 3,000-2,000 BC

Great Giza Pyramid - 2,580-2,560 BC



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**Next... Chapter 2: The Ancient Near East
People and Empires**

Early Latin	A	B	C	D	E	F	Z	H
Greek	Α	Β	Γ	Δ	Ε	Ζ	Η	Θ
Phoenician	𐤀	𐤁	𐤂	𐤃	𐤄	𐤅	𐤆	𐤇
Early Aramaic	𐤀	𐤁	𐤂	𐤃	𐤄	𐤅	𐤆	𐤇
Nabataean	𐤀	𐤁	𐤂	𐤃	𐤄	𐤅	𐤆	𐤇
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