**UNIT 2 - BIRTHPLACE OF CIVILIZATION**

**INTRODUCTION**

Have you ever heard someone in the African American community say, “ We were once great kings and queens?” Well, what they are referring to is the time in ancient history when African people ruled the world and were known as one of the beginners of what we call “civilization.”

1. What does it mean to be civilized? Provide 3 examples of what YOU think a civilized group of people have that uncivilized people don’t.
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5. Many scholars and historians say that human “civilization” began in an area called Mesopotamia (which is slightly outside of Africa. Research over the internet to find the following essential questions pertaining to Mesopotamia.
6. Where was it located? (meaning which part of the world is it in) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Which two rivers are on the sides of it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. MAKE A LIST OF FIVE THINGS THAT WERE CREATED FROM THE MESOPOTAMIAN CIVILIZATIONS.

**ANCIENT AFRICAN CIVILIZATIONS**

 **EGYPT & KUSH**

**Directions- Use the Prentice Hall textbook (pages 9-11) to answer the following questions. Either write the question along with your answer OR write your answers in complete sentences.**

**EGYPT**

1. What important resource was the Egyptian civilization nearby?
2. What is the major controversy that surrounds the people were a part of the Egyptian civilization?
3. What importance does the Egyptian civilization have on the rest of the world?
4. Explain how the location of Egypt allowed it to thrive and remain successful?
5. Egyptian civilization is divided into three periods of time known as epochs. Give details about each one in order to differentiate between them.

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| TIME FRAME | KNOWN FOR……….. |
| OLD KINGDOM  |  |
| MIDDLE KINGDOM |  |
| NEW KINGDOM |  |

1. Explain the different ways of life the men and women had in ancient Egypt by telling what special privileges each had
2. Men \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Women

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1. How important was religion in the Egyptian civilization and who were some of the most important gods?
2. What importance do the Pyramids at Giza have upon the ancient Egyptian civilization?
3. Provide a brief description of the following: ( you will need to do research on the internet instead of the book
4. Sphinx
5. Ankh
6. Obelisk
7. Akhenaten
8. Nefertiti
9. Hatshepsut
10. Cleopatra
11. Hieroglyphics
12. Tutankhamun

**ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

1. Why do you think some people attempt to separate Egypt from being an African nation?

**KUSH**

1. Where is the ancient African civilization of Nubia located? (In today’s time)
2. What contribution did the Nubians give to the Egyptians?
3. Explain how the Egyptian culture was introduced into the Nubian culture?
4. When did the Kush civilization come into power?
5. Who is king Piankhy and what did he do to become known?
6. What similarity existed between the Kushite sans the Egyptians?
7. Explain the role Meroe had in the lives of the Kushites?
8. What contributed to the fall of the Kush civilization?
9. Who destroyed Meroe?
10. Where is the city of Axum (presently) and what religion did the people practice during that time frame?