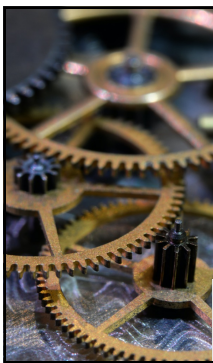




Egyptian Empires

Civilizations of the Ancient World | Meeting #7

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Upcoming Dates

- Monday, October 5
Gilgamesh Essay due
- Sunday, September 27
Responses for Week 4 Due

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Four things today

- Ishtar and the Bull of Heaven
- Pharaohs and pyramids
- New Kingdom Egypt
- Hatshepsut and Akhenaten

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Quiz #2 | Egyptian Empires

1. The Nile delta is found in

- a. Nubia
- b. Kush
- ☒ c. Lower Egypt
- d. Upper Egypt

2. All of the following are true of the pyramids [EXCEPT](#):

- a. They are associated with the earliest period of united Egypt, the Old Kingdom
- ☒ b. They were intended to protect the mortal remains of the pharaoh buried within
- c. They could not have been constructed by the ancient Egyptians, given their limited technology
- d. The largest and most famous, the Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops), took 23 years to build

3. The New Kingdom pharaoh Akhenaten was famous for

- ☒ a. religious reforms focusing on the supremacy of one god, Aten
- b. having no wife
- c. being born in Arizona before moving to Babylon
- d. sharing the throne with his cousin Amenhotep

4. The famous collection of spells that was wrapped around a mummy to help ensure transition to the afterlife was known as

- a. "The Magicks of Ra"
- b. "The Tale of Sinuhe"
- ☒ c. "Book of the Dead"
- d. "Oasis Among the Shades"

5. All of the following are true of the Semitic invaders who dominated Egypt between the Middle and New Kingdoms [EXCEPT](#):

- a. The Egyptians called them the Hyksos, meaning "foreign rulers"
- b. They embraced and preserved Egyptian culture
- ☒ c. They ruled peacefully over Egypt for many thousands of years
- d. They fought using horses and chariots, bronze weapons, and complex bows

Extra Credit

EC. The death of Enkidu involves a series of events and visions. What moment stands out to you? What does it suggest to you about Sumner?

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Questions from the Responses

- Questions

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Questions about whatever



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Ishtar and the Bull of Heaven



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Ishtar (Inanna)

- Sumerian goddess of fertility and war
- Depicted as capricious and not to be trusted

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Ishtar's Proposal

- Ishtar wants Gilgamesh
- Gilgamesh rejects Ishtar
 - Ishtar's treatment of past lovers
 - Refusal to pass from mortal life into being consort if goddess
- Reckless or heroic?

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The Bull of Heaven

- Ishtar gets Enlil to send as vengeance
- Bull as a symbol of nature's power
 - Terrifying and destructive
 - Can be used by mortals
- Bull sent against Uruk
- Gilgamesh and Enkidu defeat using strength and cunning

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Death of Enkidu

- Why does Enkidu die?
- What does he see in his visions?
- How does he react to his death?
- How does Gilgamesh react?

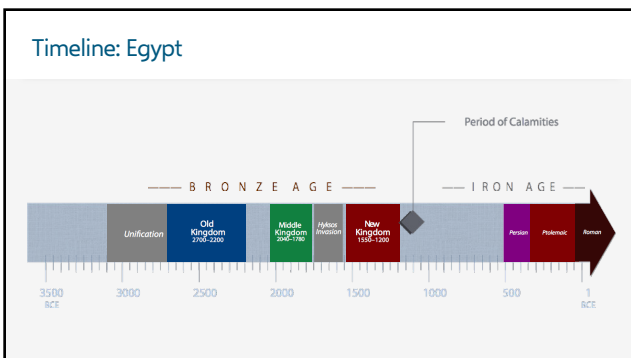


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Timeline: Egypt



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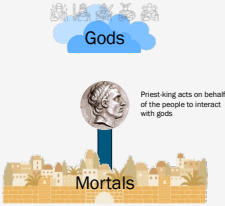
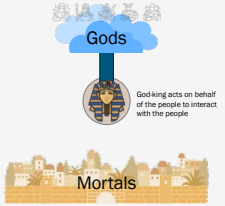


The pharaoh

- Unifying presence
- Manifestation of the gods
- All-powerful

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Priest-Kings and God-Kings

PRIEST-KINGS Most city-states (Sumer, Babylon)	GOD-KINGS Egypt
 Gods Priest-king acts on behalf of the people to interact with gods Mortals	 Gods God-king acts on behalf of the people to interact with the people Mortals

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Ma'at

- Harmony, balance, justice
- Gods are benevolent; pharaohs must be benevolent and provide ma'at

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The pharaoh's death

- Elaborate tombs
 - Pyramids in the earlier dynasties (Old Kingdom)
 - Valley of the Kings in New Kingdom
- Records of accomplishments
- Mummification
- Seen as a cycle mimicking Horis and Osiris

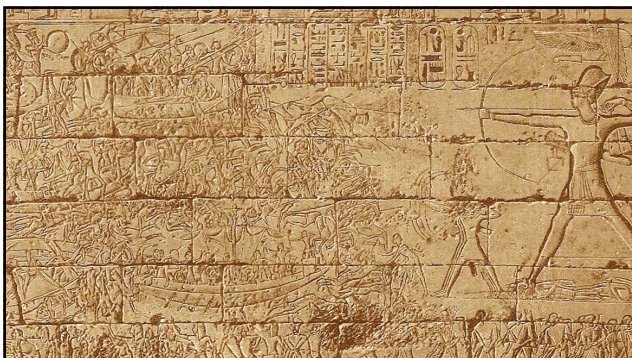
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Hieroglyphs

- Used to record official records and sacred texts
- Part of the preservation of the pharaoh's life after death
- Less formal versions used for other writings

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Akhenaten

- Took the throne as Amenhotep IV
- Changed his throne name to Akhenaten
- Religious reforms in favor of one dominant god, Aten

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Nefertiti

- Queen alongside Akhenaten
- Worked side by side with Akhenaten to build the new religion
 - Kept going after his passing until her own death
- Active role of women in New Kingdom Egypt

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Tutankhamun

- Son of Akhenaten
- Restored the Egyptian polytheistic religion

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Nubia

- Exploited by Egypt for resources
- Heavily influenced culturally
- Maintained a distinctive identity in defiance of Egypt

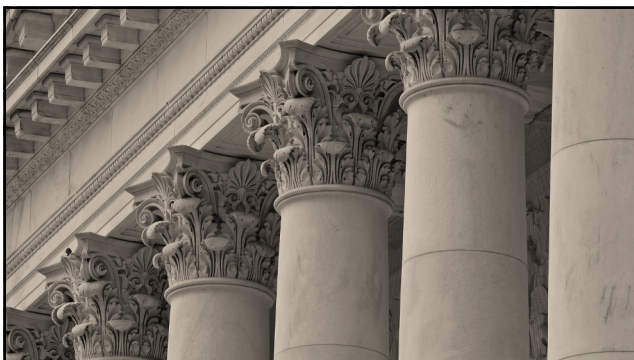
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Semitic labor

- Egypt attractive because of wealth, climate, plentiful food
- Large numbers of Semitic migrants from the east
- Increasingly used as laborers and slaves

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