# 1 World History I

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#### <sup>2</sup> Nile Valley: Egypt

- http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/pdf/world\_phys.pdf
- http://pixabay.com/en/egypt-nile-aerial-view-land-map-11043/

# 3 Nile Valley: Egypt

- Fertile river valley
- Irrigation
- Sustainable agriculture
- Destruction of wildlife habitat
- Centralized government and religious institutions
- Trade with surrounding areas.
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### 5 Nile Valley: Egypt

- Religion and government
  - Life and death on the Nile
    - Annual floods regenerate soil
    - Belief in afterlife
    - Story of Isis, Osiris, and Horus
  - Two kingdoms of Egypt eventually merged
  - Ma'at (harmony, justice)
  - Pharaoh as god-king: maintaining ma'at.
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# 6 Nile Valley: Egypt

- Continuity and crisis
  - Union of upper and lower Egypt
  - Old Kingdom: Age of Pyramids
    - First Intermediate Period
  - Middle Kingdom: Centralization, growth of trade
    - Second Intermediate Period (Hyksos invasions)
  - New Kingdom: Conquest, greater trade, challenge from Sea People.

# 7 Egyptian Influence

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Jews in Israel-Judah
- Minoans in Crete
- Phoenicians in the Levant
- Trade routes in Mediterranean
- India and beyond.
- 8 Minoan Civilization
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  - Evidence
    - Writing System (not deciphered)
    - Archaeology and artwork

- Place names
- Later written traditions about them
- Accounts by outsiders.



# 10 Minoan women with snakes

# **Mycenaean Civilization**

- Overlapped Minoan civilization in time (1500s BCE to about 1200 BCE)
- Mainland of Greece
- Writing system similar to Minoan
- Language: ancestor of modern Greek.

### 12 Mycenaean State

- Cities
  - Fortified
  - Large store houses
  - Palaces of ruling elite
- Long-distance trade
- Society geared towards war.

#### 13 Crisis of the Twelfth Century BCE

- Sudden collapse of several centers (between 1200 and 1100 BCE)
- "Sea Peoples."