1 World History I

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² 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."