# ANCIENT EGYPT & KINGDOM OF KUSH CIVILIZATIONS



# THE RISE

• For almost 30 centuries from its unification around 3100 B.C to it's conquest by Alexander the great in 332 B.C.The rise of Egyptian Civilization develop along the Nile River. The rivers reliable flow enabled rich soil for growing crops.

The Kingdom of Kush was established around 1070 BCE when it gained it's independence from Egypt. It later then quickly became a majorpower in Northeast Africa.

#### **KUSH CONQUERS EGYPT**

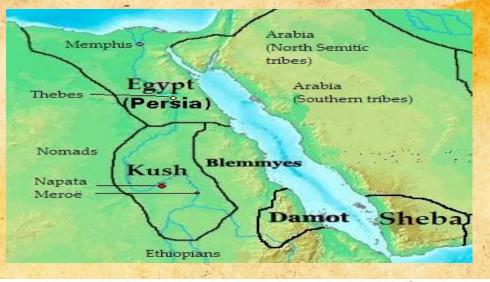
About 750 B.C. a Kushite named Kashta invaded Egypt, reaching the city of Thebes before his death. His son, Piye became king and completed the conquest for Egypt.

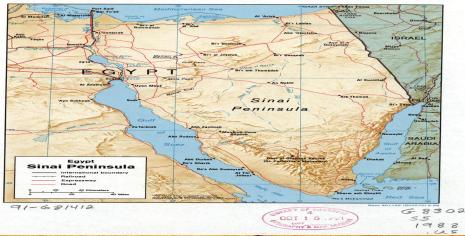


#### GEOGRAPHY

- The Kingdom of Kush was located South of Egypt along the Nile River.
- Kush geographic location and natural resources made it an important trade route.
- Egyptians traded with Kush along the Nile River.

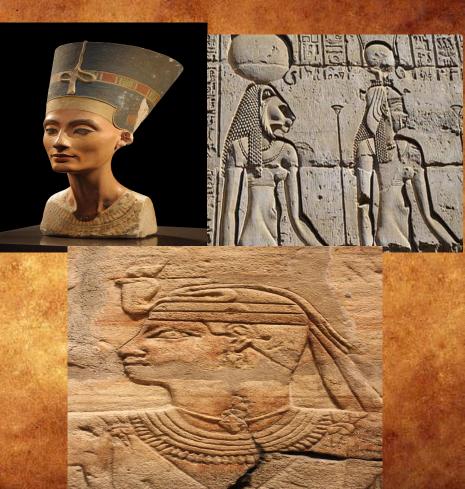
- Egypt is placed in Northeastern Africa, the Nile river runs South to North throughout the country.
- Ancient Egypt was divided into two regions Upper and Lower Egypt.
- The climate is hot and dry,part of the Sahara Desert.





#### GOVERNMENT

- Ancient Egypt the most important person was the Pharaoh ,he owned everything such as home & food.
- Pharaoh had policies, and armies and others to help him run the country.
- The egyptians had court and a judge which was called a 'VIZIER' who keep things fair and hear all the issues that were going on.
- Kingdom of Kush was ruled by complete monarchy.
- Upper and Lower Nubia had governed who helped Kings organize the empire.
- The Kings and Queens they were also jobs suchs as the Minister of Treasury thry also acted as the "check and balance" system.



# **ART & ARTCHIECT**

- The art of the ancient egyptian is about 5000 year old and developed between 3000 B.C and 200 A.D.Their artwork are highly stylish and organized and strict rules and conventions.
- Egyptians were very craftspeople ehom created beautiful jewelry.
- They turned gold and sliver into necklaces, bracelets and earrings.
- Kushites preferred to work with gold and ivory for their sculptures.
- Most of the Kushanas was similar to the roman's arts.

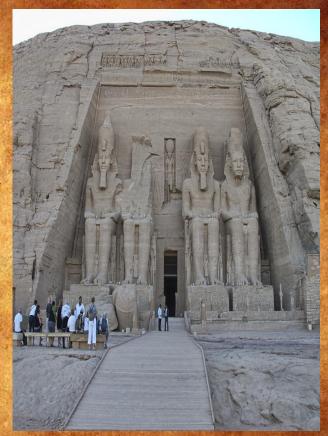


2. Excavations of De Morgan, 1894, Egyptian Museum Cairo Cli

#### RELIGION

- Ancient Egypt was a polytheistic religion.
- They practiced a belief system that was apart torimism part polytheism and part ancestor worship.
- They believed their gods lived in the mortal world, acting through sacred sites, items , animals, or even chosen people hence (*afterlife*).

- Around 8th century A.D powerful Christian kingdoms conqured Nubia and eventually their civilization religions converted from a polytheisti to monotheistic religion of Christianity.
- The Kingdom of Kush worships the same gods as the Egptians.
- Mummified the dead, they also built pyramids(*similar but were similar with flat tops*).



### Afterlife

- Both the Egyptians and Kushites believed in after death.
- When you die, you go to the underworld where Osiris judges you, he weighs your heart.
- He weighs your heart against a feather(symbol of truth) if it's light your considered innocent an goes to another world but if it is heavy your found guilty an won't get to move on.



#### PHARRAOHS

- Pharaoh's were born into being the ruler of the world.
- The Pharaohs were the Kings & Queen of Egypt.
- They were the head of government and high priest of every temple.
- He or she decided what was right or what was wrong and their word was law.
- The people of Egypt considered the pharaoh to be half-human and half-go



# **GENDER ROLES**

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#### FEMALE:

- Women took care of daily needs of their family.
- Pregnancy was important to women, they gained a lot of respect of society and also approval from their husband.
- The women still had a little freedom even though they lived among dominated men.

#### MALE:

- Both society was typically male dominated.
- The father was responsible for the economic well-being of the family.
- Men hunted animals such as hares and lions.

## EDUCATION

- The first schools were to train priest in Egypt, they were thought reading an writing.
- The sons of pharaoh were educated at home by tutors.
- Egyptian middle and lower class boys did not go to school, they learned a trade from their fathers.





# KINGDOM OF KUSH

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