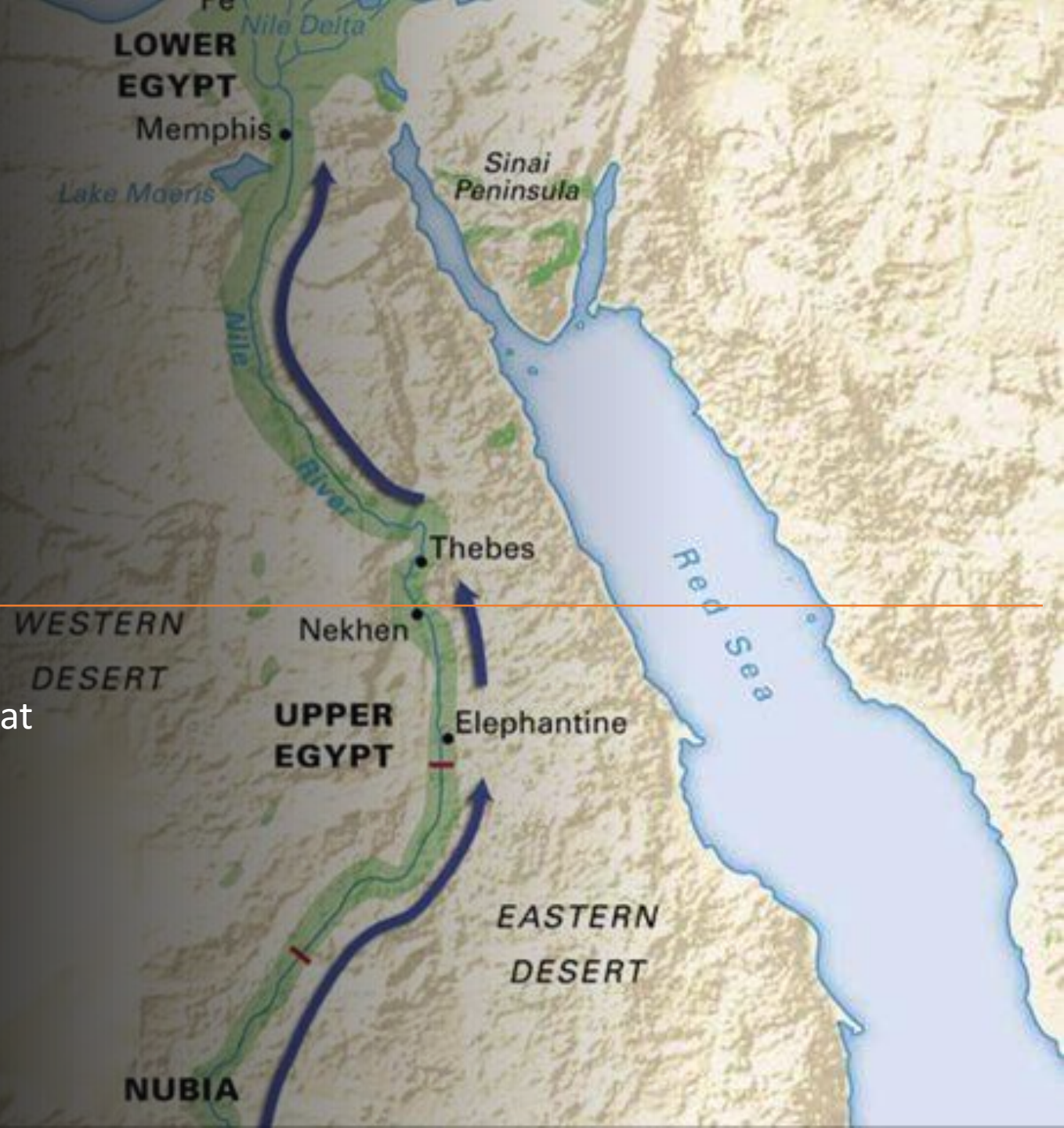


# Ancient Egypt & Kingdom of Kush

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Today we are travelling on the Northeastern of Africa, along the Nile Valley, to discover two great ancient Kingdom of Africa.

Ancient Kemet b





# Origins of the kingdoms

- 3400 BCE, 42 ethnic group and administrative kingship have been united to create the first civilization organized on earth, the nation of Kemet. It was located on the actual Egypt. (Asante, 31)
- The kingdom of Kush was first established around 1070 BCE when it gained independence from Egypt and start become a major power in Africa. It was in Nubia, the actual Sudan. (karina et al. *The Kingdom of Kush*)



# Governance

- Egypt was ruled by a “Per-aa” (pharaoh) who was supported by a large bureaucracy to help him control the kingdom and had divine status, it received respect and reverence. (Asante, 49)
- The Kushite ruling was innovative for the time, democratic election among the aristocracy to choose the most suitable ruler. There were ruling families and the heirs would come from the female line (matrilineal royalty) (Kahn, 61)
- In both kingdoms' women had the opportunity to rule.

Amanishaketo in Kush (10BC to 1AD) and  
Hatshepsut in Egypt (1473-1458 BC)



# Economies


- Both Kingdom were on strategic location
- The Nile valley is the richest valley on earth, it gave them an advantage to farm.
- Kerma was an important trade (precious stone, gold...) place due to its location on the third Cataracts of the Nile. Egypt used to trade with the Mediterranean countries due to its proximity.





# Cataracts of the Nile

- The Cataracts of the Nile are shallow lengths of the Nile River, where the surface of the water is broken by many small boulders and stones jutting out of the riverbed.



# The Egyptian contribution to the world civilization

- Egyptian are well-known for its scientific knowledge at the time, Greeks used to go study mathematic, engineering, theology, philosophy, etc.
- According to many scholar such as Cheick Anta Diop, they have been able to create a calendar by following the movement of the Cyrus's star for 1460 years



# The Egyptian Military

- During the “New Kingdom” (between the 16th century BC and the 11th century BC) the golden age of Kemet, Egyptian were ruled by the military general Ramses II. (Asante 35)
- Ramses was known for his military campaign, especially the famous battle of Kadesh reported as the largest chariot battle ever fought, 5,000 to 6,000 chariots were implicated. Details of tactics and formations have been registered.
- We assumed during his reign, Ramses had an army of 100,000 soldiers, during that period Egypt has dominated most of its foreign contact by military activity.



# “The land of the Bow”

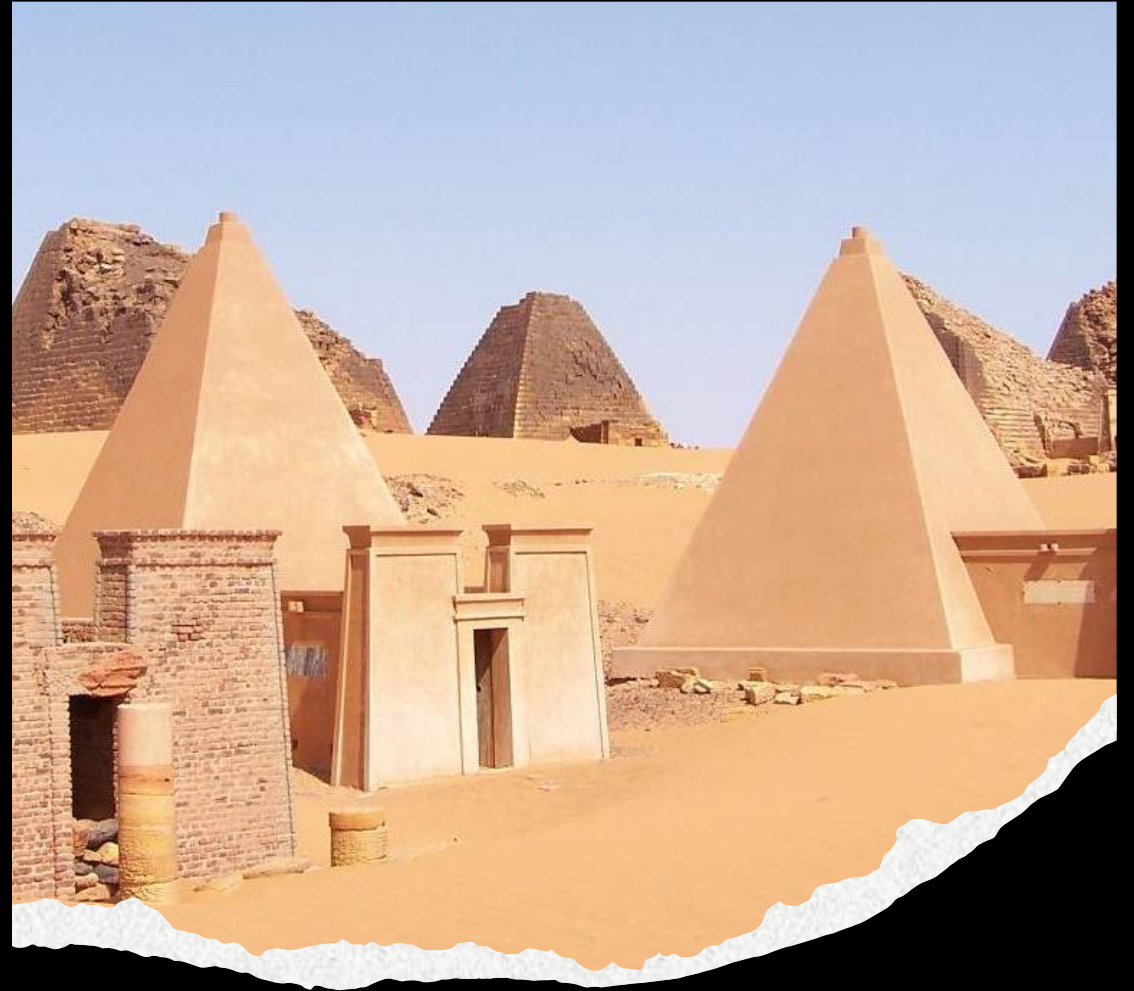
- One of the Kushites particularities was their fighting abilities. It says their specialties was to shoot arrow in their opponent eyes.
- Under King Piye (747 BC) they took over Egypt and create the 25<sup>th</sup> dynasty, the “Black Pharaoh”.

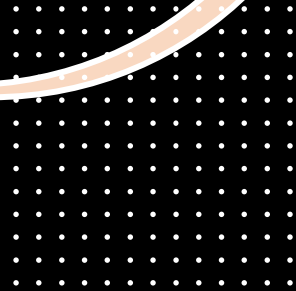




# Relationship “Kushite-Egyptian”

- Conflict happens more than peace, around 1500 BC Egyptian conquered Kerma and marched to the south. They build fort and temple on their way.
- Those different occupation from each other make them having exchange, during the 25<sup>th</sup> dynasty knowledge, social habits were exchange.
- During the Egyptian occupation, their religion have been implanted






## The Kushite culture

- the Meroitic script have not been deciphered until today, searcher still looking for a Rosetta stone, a stone that contains the language you try to understand with its translation in other language. (karina et al. *The Kingdom of Kush*)
- Jebel Barkal, one of the temple built by the Egyptian during their occupation and that remained sacred even until today.



# Conclusion

- Ancient Egypt and the Kingdom of Kush were two great Kingdom with a common history.
  - They both have an important place in Africa's history even if the Kush kingdom has suffered from its proximity to Egypt.
  - This research allowed me to learn more about the Nubian, I did not have any clue of who they were.
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