



■ Essential Question:

–What were the important characteristics of ancient Egypt?

■ Warm-Up Question:

–Create a “Hammurabi’s Code” for NSAA. Think of 5 laws & punishments appropriate for school.

EUROPE

# Ancient Egypt

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ASIA

Mediterranean Sea

Yellow Sea

Anyang

Luoyang

Huang He (Yellow River)

Chang Jiang (Yangtze River)

Caspian Sea

Babylon

Ur

Tigris River

Euphrates R.

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Persian Gulf

Indus River

Harappa

Kalibangan

Mohenjo Daro

HIMALAYAS

Memphis

Nile River

Red Sea

ARABIAN PENINSULA

Arabian Sea

Bay of Bengal

AFRICA

INDIAN OCEAN



0 500 1000 Miles

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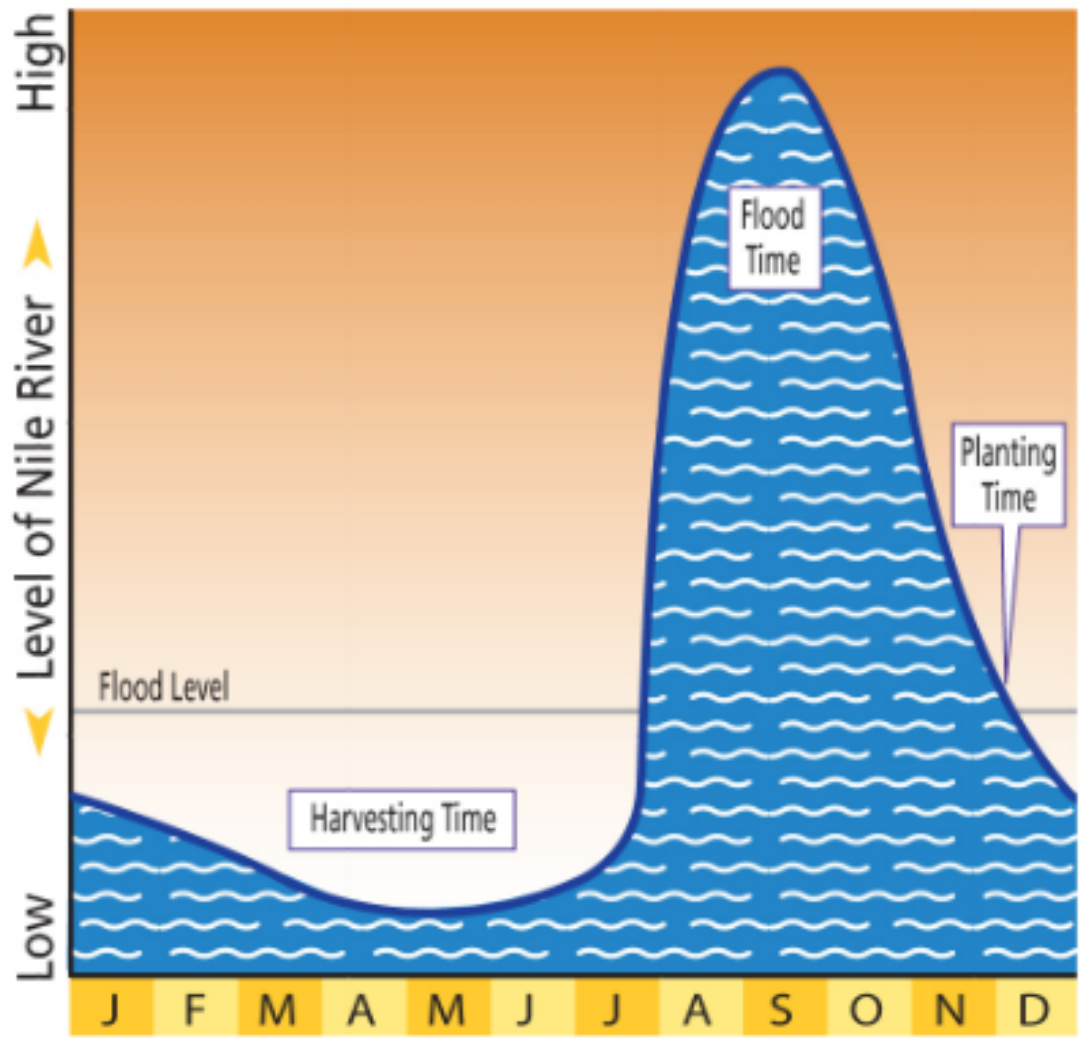
- China, 3950–1000 B.C.
- Mesopotamia, 3500–1600 B.C.
- Ancient Egypt, 3000–2000 B.C.
- Indus Valley, 2500–1700 B.C.

Egypt began along the Nile River in North Africa

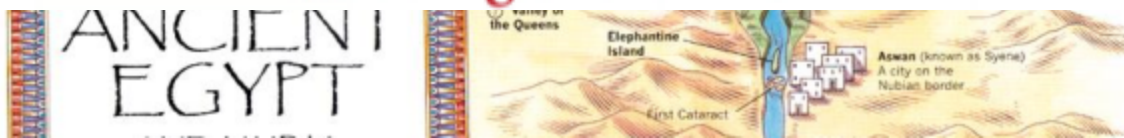
Egypt was bordered on both

The Nile River's annual floods

The Nile flooded so predictably that the Egyptians designed their calendar around it



Flooding of the Nile



# What were the important characteristics of the Egyptian civilization?

- Working in groups, examine each of the 6 placards examining the characteristics of civilization in Egypt
- For each placard, write hypotheses about government, cities, technology, etc. & then confirm your theories by locating the matching “answer key” placard around the room

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- Cities had power over the surrounding lands.

### Specialized Workers

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### Complex Institutions

- Pharaohs ordered people to build elaborate tombs.
- Priests ran large temples.

### Record Keeping and Writing

- Hieroglyphic writing had symbols that stood for ideas and for sounds.

### Advanced Technology

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# Lasting Contributions

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–Cities developed along the Nile River in “Upper Egypt” & “Lower Egypt”



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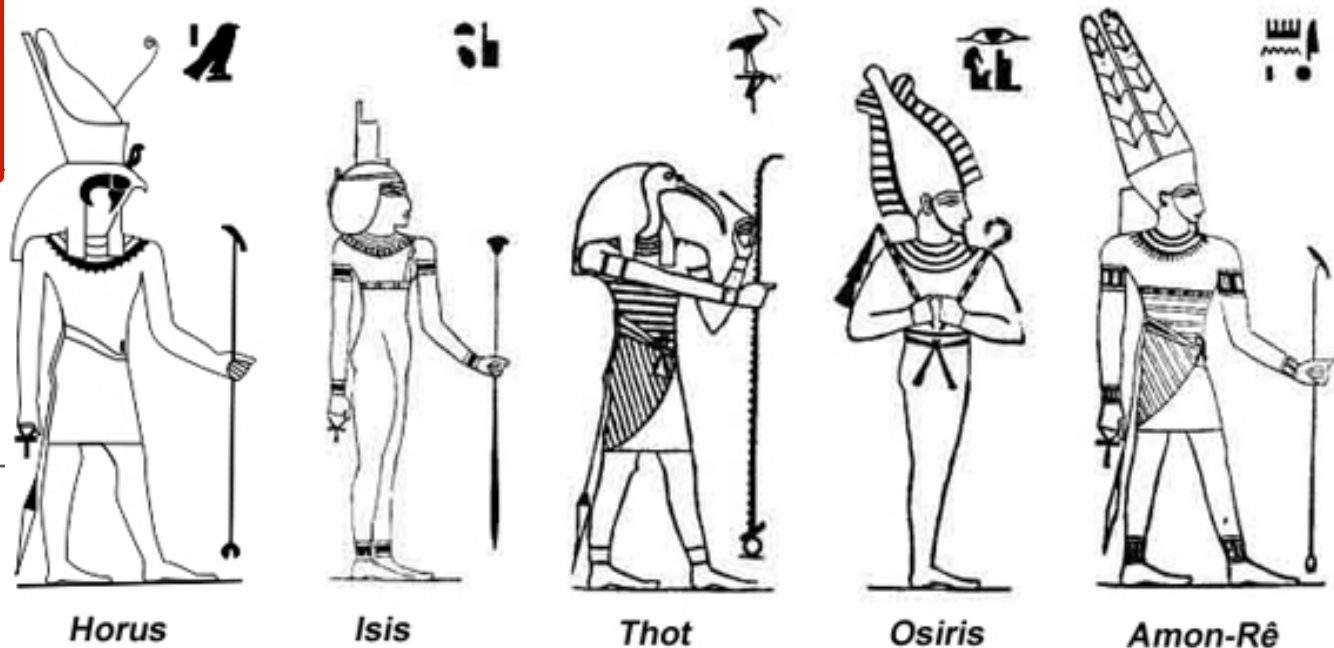
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- Religion:
  - Egyptians were polytheistic & believed the gods controlled all aspects of life

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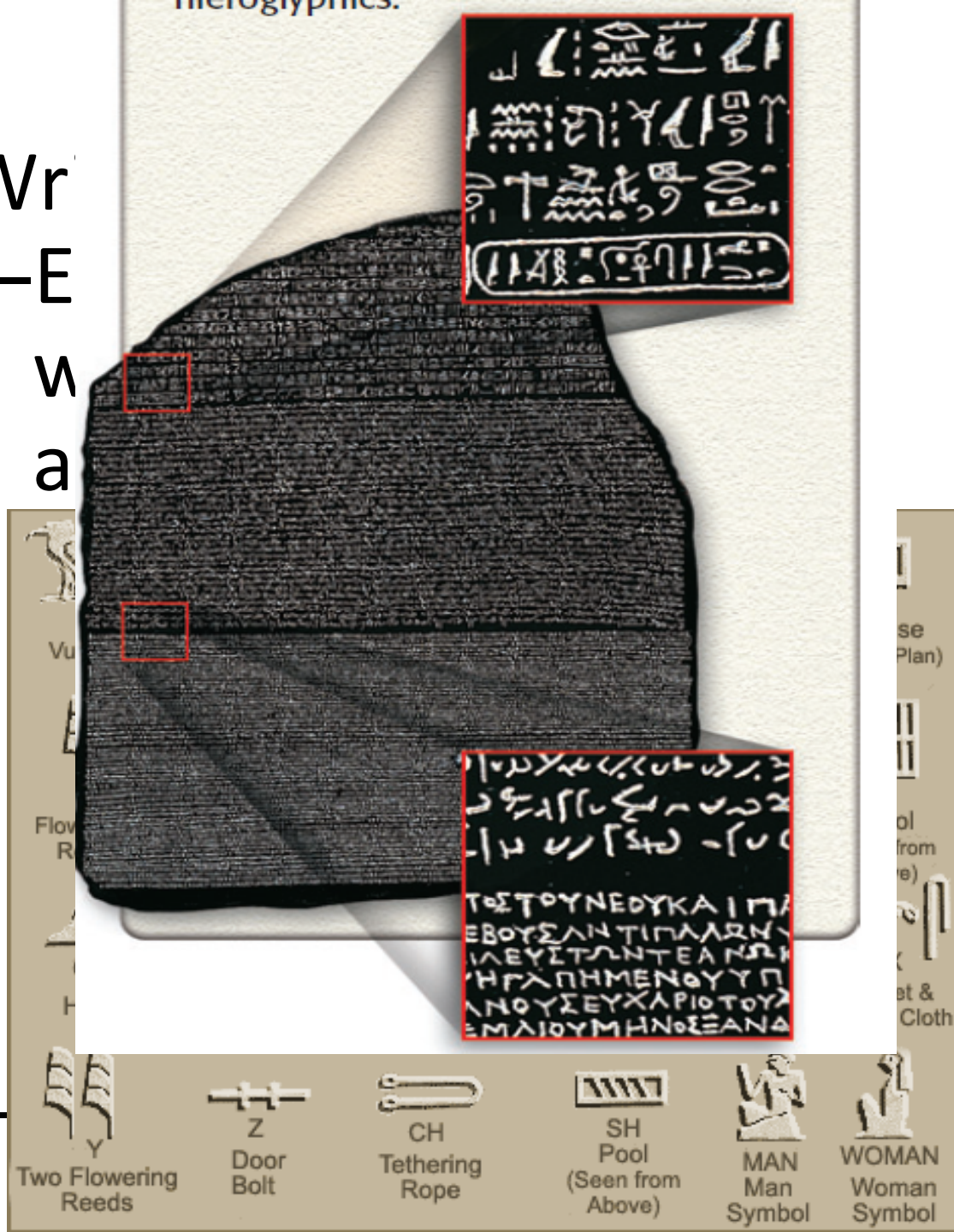
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