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Chapter 4 Section 1 Guided Reading

**The Gift of the Nile**

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| **Location and Physical Features**1. Describe the two regions of Ancient Egypt
2. Upper Egypt

Southern Egypt, start of the Nile River 1. Lower Egypt

Northern Egypt, ends in Mediterranean Sea, has a delta1. How did cataracts affect travel in Egypt?

It blocked travel in South Egypt (Upper Egypt) and protected them from invasion1. What is a delta and why was it important? (Think about how much farmland was there)

Triangle-shaped area at end of a river with good soil for farming | **The Floods of the Nile**1. What was the effect of the Nile’s flooding on its land?

Flooding came every year, and left great soil for farming1. What was “the black land” and “the red land”?
2. “the black land”

Dark soil with silt left by flooding of the Nile1. “the red land”

Dry, desert soil, can’t farm it. |

**Civilization Develops in Egypt**

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| **Increased Food Production**1. What did Egyptians do differently than Mesopotamia to use water for farming?

Didn’t have to build basins1. What crops (and animals) did Egyptians raise?

Wheat, barley, fruit, vegetables, cows, sheep | **Two Kingdoms**1. Why was it hard to invade Egypt?

The Red Sea, natural barriers (mountains, seas), desert1. How did Egypt develop into two kingdoms?

Villages in the North and South banded together to form two kingdoms1. What were the names of the two kingdoms?

Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt |

**Kings Unify Egypt**

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| 1. How did Menes combine the two kingdoms?

He was in charge of Upper Egypt, invaded Lower Egypt and married a princess from Lower Egypt1. What is a **pharaoh** and how is a pharaoh part of a **dynasty**?

Pharaoh – King in EgyptDynasty – when a family rules a kingdom or empire1. How far did Egyptian territory extend?

All along the Nile River, about 50-100 miles on each side |

LABEL THE FOLLOWING FEATURES (Use page 89 in textbook)

Nile River

Nile Delta

Upper Egypt

Lower Egypt

Sinai Peninsula

Red Sea

Mediterranean Sea