

3. Papyrus

- Thin reed
- Baskets, boats, sandals, writing material

4. Edible Water Birds

- **Added options to food supply**

5. Transportation

- Important for trade, travel long distances

The Union of Two Lands

Upper Egypt= Southern part. 1st cataract and northward to the Nile Delta

Lower Egypt= Northern part, Nile Delta

- King of Upper Egypt wore tall, white, pear-shaped crown
- King of Lower Egypt wore short red crown

** Knowledge of prehistoric Egypt mixed by legend**

Menes (MEE neez)

- King of Upper Egypt
- 3100B.C.E. defeated Lower Egypt, united two lands
- Created **double crown** (stood for the union of the two lands)
- Formed **dynasty** (series of rulers from same family)
- 30 different dynasties rules
- Memphis- **capitol** of Menes dynasty

Why did history for ancient Egypt begin around 3000 B.C.E.?

** Invention of hieroglyphic writing**

Old Kingdom- 2686-2181 (great pyramids)

Middle Kingdom- 2055-1650 (stronger literature, architecture, art)

New Kingdom- 1570-1070 (world power empire)

Accomplishments Before the Old Kingdom

1. Learned to Irrigate
2. Formed governments
3. Hieroglyphic writing
4. Created belief systems that formed the basis of society

Chapter 4 Lesson 2: The Old Kingdom

Pyramids:

- Built for pharaohs/kings/queens
- Took sometimes 20 years/tens of thousands of people
- Built by slaves and farmers (farmers during flood season)

King Zoser

- Step Pyramid
- Had his chief advisor Imhotep design the pyramid
- Before royal tombs were (1. flat-topped mud brick structure 2. built over a burial chamber underground)
- Now.... Used stone, not brick

Architecture of Step Pyramid

1. Showed Religious beliefs of ancient Egyptians
2. Steps were of king climbing to heaven
3. Later pyramids took form of slope of sun's rays
4. Started age of pyramid building
5. 1st large stone structure in the world

King Khufu

- Great Pyramid at Giza in 2566 BC
- Giza had three pyramids (two other built by sons)
- Sphinx- guarded Khafre's tomb

End of Old Kingdom

- Chaos- Fighting over power
- Famine- Droughts and destroyed farmland led to people going hungry