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Period _____ # _____

Nile Kingdoms: Kush & Aksum

DIRECTIONS:

1. Go to our class website **http://msmadridsocialstudies.weebly.com**
2. Click on **Units**
3. Scroll down and click on **UNIT 4: Ancient Egypt**
4. Once the page opens, scroll all the way to the bottom and click on the button that says **"Kingdom of Kush Web Assignment"**
5. Login with **username: msmadrid** and **password: madrid123**
6. Once you have logged into the website, click the button that says **"launch resource"**
7. Complete sentences are not necessary

IP = Interactive Point: When you see an interactive point be sure to complete it before moving on

*** = Commentary:** When you see that there is a commentary to be sure to listen before moving on

INTRODUCTION (Tab at top of screen)

How big is the African continent in comparison to the United States? _____

The geography of Africa is quite diverse, but the climate of the continent is primarily _____.

What river flows through the Sahara desert? _____

What makes this river special? _____

What direction does the Nile travel? _____

What kind of life does this river support? _____

Why do farmers grow crops along the river's floodplain? _____

The ancient Kingdoms of Kush and Aksum are located in what modern day country? _____

NILE KINGDOMS: KUSH & AKSUM (Tab at top of screen)

The Nile River

What sea is located north of the Nile River? _____

What sea is located east of the Nile River? _____

Define *tributaries*: _____

Define *confluence*: _____

What are the Nile's two main tributaries and what countries are they located in? _____

*** How long is the Nile River?** _____

How many years are in a century? _____

How long have people been farming the land along the Nile River? _____

Explain *annual floods*: _____

Explain *fertile*: _____

How did the annual floods help farmers? _____

IP Fill in the answers for the following...

- Which direction does the Nile River flow?

- What are the shallow and rough sections of the Nile River called?

First People

* Think back to when we studied hominids. Do you remember the most commonly held hypothesis as to why early man painted pictures of prehistoric animals on cave-walls?

What do you call the act of taming animals for human use? _____

Why do civilizations always emerge along rivers? _____

How do we know that Egyptian and Nubians traded with one another? _____

The Kingdom of Kush

Define *thriving*: _____

How long did the Civilization of Kush last? _____

* What explains the similarities between the Kingdom of Kush and the Egyptians? _____

IP Archeology of Kush: Select all that apply.

From these ruins, what can you say about the Kingdom of Kush?

_____ The kingdom was probably wealthy.

_____ The kingdom's rulers were weak.

_____ Kush had contact with ancient Egypt and other Mediterranean civilizations.

Egypt and Aksum

* Besides the Kush, who else had control of Ancient Egypt at some point? _____

What advantage did the Assyrians have over the Kush? _____

What is the name of the African kingdom south of Kush? _____

Askum trading business led to the blending of African and Arab cultures. What other major world religion travelled along those routes? _____

IP Ancient Nile Geography: Please complete the interactive map activity!

Sudan Dams and Nile

How are Ethiopia and other modern countries along the Nile currently struggling? _____

What is a *dam*? _____

What is a *reservoir*? _____

How will this reservoir affect existing artifacts? _____

***What do you think is more important**, the electricity for the poor country or the artifacts? (There is no wrong answer to this question.) _____

What is *hydroelectric* power? _____

Will the dam be worth 50,000 people losing their homes? _____

IP Nile Dam Pro and Con

<u>Statements about the Monroe Dam</u>	<u>Reason to Build</u>	<u>Reason Not to Build</u>
Building the dam forces tens of thousands of farmers who live in the area to move to places where the soil is not as rich.		
Building the dam creates thousands of jobs for both construction workers and employees who will operate the dam.		
Building the dam creates a reservoir that would cover many archaeological sites from the Kush and Aksum civilizations.		
Building the dam products electricity for millions of people in Sudan who do not have adequate power.		
Should Sudan have built the Monroe Dam on the Nile River?	YES	NO

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE (Tab at top of screen)

Complete the *Practice* and *Quiz* sections. Have fun! You do not need to send me the results.