

# Ancient Egypt – Geography

Around 4,000 to 4,500 B.C. early Egyptians began to settle into small communities along the Nile River.

## 1) The Nile River

- One of the river valley civilizations
- Longest river in the world
- Flows from south to north
- Surrounded by desert on both sides

## 2) Lower Egypt

- To the north of Upper Egypt along the Nile River
- One of the two lands – kingdoms that at one time made up Ancient Egypt.
- Rule by a monarch (king)

## 3) Upper Egypt

- To the south of Lower Egypt along the Nile River
- One of the two lands – kingdoms that at one time made up Ancient Egypt.
- Rule by a monarch (king)

## 4) King Menes

- King of Upper Egypt, but wanted to unite all of Egypt, and did.
- His army invaded Lower Egypt and took control
- He married a princess for Lower Egypt to strengthen his control

## 5) Pharaoh

- Means 'great house'.
- Ruled over all of Egypt with total control
- King Menes was the first
- Acted as mediator between people and the gods

## 6) Dynasty

- A series of rulers from the same family – rule passing from one generation to the next
- King Menes had the first Egyptian dynasty and it lasted around 200 years

