

Section 1: The Geography of the Nile
Ancient Egypt and Nubia

Guided Reading and Review

A. As You Read

Directions: As you read Section 1, complete the statements below.

1. An early description of the Nile was written by the Greek historian _____.
2. The direction that the Nile River flows is _____ to the Mediterranean Sea from its sources in Africa.
3. The Blue Nile and White Nile meet in the present-day country of _____.
4. The marshy region of the Nile near the Mediterranean Sea is known as _____ Egypt.
5. The ancient Egyptians called their land _____, "the black land," because of the dark soil left by the Nile's floods.
6. Deserts to the east and west protected the Egyptians from _____ by foreign enemies.
7. Settled farming communities began to appear in Egypt and Nubia by around _____.

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Directions: Complete each sentence by writing the correct term in the blank provided.

8. _____ is an ancient region in the Nile River Valley, on the site of present-day southern Egypt and northern Sudan.
9. In the Nubian section of the Nile, the river contains many rock-filled rapids, or _____.
10. The _____ of the Nile, a triangular-shaped plain of very rich farmland, is located in Lower Egypt.
11. Water from the Nile River deposited rich, fertile soil called _____ when the river overflowed its banks.