***ANCIENT EGYPT G.R.A.P.E.S. NOTES***

G- GEOGRAPHY

* NILE RIVER- flows north to the Mediterranean Sea; floods its banks every September which gives the land surrounding it fertile soil.
  + Flooding also created large, fertile **delta**
* MEDITERRANEAN SEA
* RED SEA
* TWO DESERTS-
  + LIBYAN DESERT
  + NUBIAN DESERT

R- RELIGION

* POLYTHEISTIC (many gods/goddesses)
  + RA- SUN GOD
  + ISIS- MOTHER GODDESS
  + ORISIS- GOD OF UNDERWORLD
  + HORUS- GOD OF THE SKY
  + THOTH- GOD OF KNOWLEDGE
* USED TO EXPLAIN NATURE AND PHENOMENON
* MANY GODS AND GODDESSES LOOKED LIKE ANIMALS
* BELIEVED IN AN AFTERLIFE- USED **MUMMIFICATION** TO REUNITE THE BODY AND SOUL IN THEIR AFTERLIFE
* TEMPLES WERE BUILT WHICH BECAME LARGE COMPLEXES USED AS CENTERS FOR THE CITY
* ONLY PRIESTS WERE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE TEMPLE’S INNER SANCTUARY

A-ACHIEVEMENTS

* CREATED A CALENDAR TO PREDICT THE FLOODING OF THE NILE
* CANALS FOR IRRIGATION OF CROPS
* **HIEROGLYPHICS**- WRITING AND MATH; Rosetta Stone discovery was important to decode the hieroglyphics
* **PYRAMIDS**- TOMBS FOR THE DEAD
* **MUMMIFICATION**- PRESERVES BODIES FOR AFTERLIFE
* **PAPYRUS**- USED AS PAPER
* IMPROVED THE **CHARIOTS**
* MEDICINE (Aspirin)
* SHIP BUILDING- MADE FROM CEDAR TREES IMPORTED FROM LEBANON
* WERE AMAZING AT ENGINEERING- (had to know mathematics and science- without the benefit of modern technology)
* INVENTED THE TOOTHBRUSH AND TOOTHPASTE BECAUSE OF THE FOOD THEY ATE WAS FILLED WITH SAND

P- POLITICS

* **PHARAOH**- KING/ SOMETIMES SEEN AS A GOD
* WIFE OF PHARAOH WAS SECOND MOST POWERFUL
* VIZIERS- ADVISORS TO THE PHARAOH
* DEPARTMENT OVERSEERS
* MANY WERE SCRIBES AND PRIESTS.
* TREASURER
* ARMY COMMANDER
* MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS
* COURT SYSTEM- DEFEND YOURSELF (Yuck!!)

E- ECONOMICS

* TRADE- ADVANCED SOCIETY
* TRADED WHEAT (grew), GOLD (mined), AND LINEN (created) FOR HORSES AND TIMBER
* MAIN CROPS INCLUDED WHEAT, FLAX, AND PAPYRUS
* COLLECTED TAXES AND CONQUERED LANDS HAD TO PAY TRIBUTES
* BUILT CANALS AND USED NILE RIVER FOR TRANSPORTATION AND TRADE ROUTES

S- SOCIAL STRUCTURE

* KING- PHARAOH
* VIZIERS- ADVISERS TO THE PHARAOH
* NOBLES- PRIESTS (**COURT-** as in royalty not law)
* SCRIBES
* MERCHANTS AND CRAFTSMEN
* FARMERS
* SLAVES- WERE CONQUERED PEOPLE (could rent land and buy freedom)
* COULD MOVE BETWEEN CLASSES (yeah!!!)
* WOMEN HAD SOME RIGHTS IN EGYPT-
  + COULD BE SCRIBES, PRIESTESSES, AND MERCHANTS
  + HAD SAME LEGAL RIGHTS AS MEN