

Old Kingdom

Biological Old Regime

The Niles Gift to the World

- 600 BC nomadic hunter gatherers
- Sahara Drying pushed towards river
- Black land near the river was good
- Red land away from the river would not sustain life
- Natural irrigation system

Geographical Position

- Only two ways in and out of Egypt over land
- Ocean borders easy to defend
- Because Egypt was secure it was prosperous

Religion

- The Nile's predictability led to benevolent Gods

Culture and the “Golden Age”

Art

- Makeup and jewelery were very popular
- Above Ground burial

Pyramids

First and Second dynasties:

- Mastabas

Third dynasty:

- First Pyramids

Fourth dynasty:

- Classical pyramid design

Fifth and Sixth dynasties:

- More ornate, but less impressive pyramids
- Other types of burial