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Cultural Resume

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**Summary:** Egypt is located in North Africa and the capital city of Cairo. There has been a lot of cultural and religious influences. The different cultures and serving many gods and rituals. The cultures include Africa, Muslim-Islam and Arab. It spans the period from early prehistoric settlements of the northern Nile valley to the Roman conquest, in 30 BC. The Pharaonic Period is dated from the 32nd century BC, when Upper and Lower Egypt were unified, until the country fell under Macedonian rule, in 332 BC." There are many ancient gods in Egypt were worshipped a lot and they had many gods each associated with some specific element or quality. Some of the gods and their meaning Geb, God of the earth represented the fertility of the earth. Ma'at, the Goddess of truth and justice personified moral and physical law. Seth, God of Chaos was the god of darkness and evil and was one of the Osirian gods. Thoth was a moon god and the patron of the arts, hieroglyphics, science, speech and wisdom.

**History:** The name Egypt came from the Greek Aegyptos and it means "House of the Spirit of Ptah", who was very early God of the Ancient Egyptians. Some of their Great Pyramid of Giza weighs tons. Ancient Egypt stood as one of the world's most advanced civilizations for nearly 3,000 years and created a culture so rich that has spawned its own field of study. The life of a pyramid builder wasn't easy skeletons of workers commonly show signs of arthritis and other ailments -but evidence suggests that the massive tombs were not built by slaves but paid laborers. The ancient construction workers were a mix of skilled artisans and temporary hands, and some appear to have taken great pride in their craft. The idea that slaves built the pyramids at the crack of a whip was first conjured by Greek historian Herodotus in the fifth century B>C, but most historians now dismiss it as myth.

**The People/Specify Culture:** It is said that the Egypt culture has thousand years of recorded history. They was one of the earliest civilizations in Africa. It date back thousands years to the times ancient Pharaohs. Some of the ancient traditions remain evident, modern Egypt has evolved greatly. There are many Muslims in Egypt, consumption of pork is not that common it is said there are plenty more options. There holiday holy month is called Ramadan people meet and greet each other. They stay awake at night and spend time praying and spiritual activities. Pre-Islamic poetry, the Qur'an of the seventh century, the language of Bedouin seems to be the foundation. They also renew relationship and sharing love and affection toward each other. The origins of ancient Egyptians civilization, which many regard as one of the fountainheads of Western culture, cannot be established with certainty. It identify

**Language:** They communicate through their writing and drawings, pictures, and snapshots of their lives. The predictions and prophecies for the outcome of the world. Arabic is one of the language used by the Arabo-Canaanite group and belongs to afro Asiatic family of languages spoken widely in Africa. There are a few restrictions valid for women. They maintain their modesty at the most because men also respect the ladies. They prefer to be married with women that are a virgin and value family values.

**Traditions/Customs Egypt:** Their culture and customs consist of many cultures. and traditions. Pharaohs is prevalent as well as tribal culture. and tradition and even customs of invaders or somehow seen. A midst modern Egypt outlook of other citizens. It is said the culture and tradition is like a melting pot. Where multiple culture and ethnic and tradition has have created a new concept of hale and hearty and a mentality that embraces. The new and advanced for creating a liberal ambiance around. This liberal attitude has been displayed.

Egyptians friendly behavior toward foreigners. Commonly they are adjustable in nature and they love to help people.

**Marital Affiliation/Family:** Their marriage is said to be normal most desirable state for Ancient Egyptians of both genders and all social class. One of the more curious mysteries civilization is the complete absence of information on the act of getting married. Legal papyri always identified a woman as the "wife. They love a party and it hard to imagine them ignoring such obvious excuse. But not only is there no evidence of a ceremony there is no evidence of celebration either. It is said if a woman takes her belongs from her parents' house and moved them and herself into a man who was not already married to someone else. The men and women remain separately of ownership of any property they brought into the marriage. Either party could initiate a divorce, with no reason given. A wife generally entitled to a third of her husband's property when he died. The men and women generally divide their estate among their children. The Greek and Roman women needed their guardian's approval in order to marry. Egypt, family takes the entire responsibility to run the family in a proper

manner and with focus on behavior. The family integrity of the Egyptians is a sharp contrast to the nuclear family. They have special respect and family value and family relation.

**Government/Politics:** The President is elected for four-year term that can be renewable once. Candidates' must provide 30,001 signatures from at least 15 provinces, or 30 members of a chamber of the legislature, or nomination by a party holding at least one seat in the legislature. The position was created after Egyptian Revolution of 1952. Mohammed Naguib was the first president. In 2005, the first Presidency and the people vote whether or not they approve that candidate for President in a referendum. After the Egyptian Revolution of 2012, it was the first free and fair elections in Egyptian history. After a wave of public discontent with autocratic excesses of the Muslim Brotherhood government of President Morsi, on 3 July 2013 General Abdel Fattah el-Sisi announced the removal of Morsi from office. Eli-Sisi then was himself elected head of state in the 2014 presidential election. Egypt adopted the semi-presidential system in 2012 and under it the President doesn't hold extensive power. The President can dissolve the Parliament, declare state of emergency and declare wars but the Parliament can impeach the President after two-thirds votes in favor for impeachment and public referendum is held to whether or not approve the impeachment of the President.

### **The things and facts about the Gift of the Nile.**

#### I. Cleopatra was not Egyptian

- ❖ Along with King Tut, perhaps no figure is more famously associated with ancient Egypt than Cleopatra was actually part of a long line of Greek Macedonians originally descended from Ptolemy.

#### II. The ancient Egyptians forged one of the earliest peace treaties on record.

- ❖ For over two centuries the Egyptians fought against the Hittite Empire for control of lands in modern day Syria.

#### III. Ancient Egyptians loved board games.

- ❖ After a long day's work along the Nile River, Egyptian's often relaxed by playing board games. Perhaps the popular game of chance known as "Senet." This pastime dates back as far as 3500 B.C.

#### IV. Egyptian women had a wide range of rights and freedoms.

- ❖ While they may have been publicly and socially viewed as inferior to men, Egyptian women enjoyed a great deal of legal and financial independence. They could buy and sell property, serve on juries, make wills, and even enter into legal contracts. Egyptian

women work outside the home, those who did received equal pay for doing the same job's as men.

V. Egyptians pharaoh were often overweight.

- ❖ Egyptian art commonly depicts pharaohs as being trim and statuesque, this was most likely not the case. Their diet of beer, wine, bread and honey was in sugar, and studies show it may have done a number on royal waistlines.

**Reflections:** My overview before Egypt was not a lot of knowledge or insight. It is so good to learn about other cultures. The way they communicate and interact in their culture. It opens up a non-familiar to a familiar. It helps in many ways with Cultural Shock and learning the time system and being of others. There religions, family traditions, and other things that is so important to them in their culture. The respect one will gain coming out and experiencing others culture's. It has taught me that life is not a one way journey not to get stuck on one thing or in one place. Egypt have their beliefs and Government that they follow just as any other country follow. They have operated under several constitutions, both as a monarchy. After 1952, as a republic and the most liberal. Declaring it a independent sovereign Islamic state with Arabic as its language. It provided for a bicameral parliament, and independent judiciary, and strong executive in the form of the king.

Prehistoric Egypt  
Old Kingdom (Third-Sixth Dynasties)  
New Kingdom (Eighteenth-Twentieth Dynasties)

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