

Questions about Egypt, Kush & Canaan  
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1. The Egyptian, Kush, and Hebrew civilizations developed in and around Egypt between 3100 B.C.E. and 350 B.C.E. What were three environmental factors that determined where people settled?
  - a. topography (the shape of the land), the presence of water, and vegetation (plant life)
  - b. frequency of earthquakes, air quality, animal life
  - c. pollution, average temperature, presence of disease
  - d. none of the above
  
2. Physical features of the land were important to settlers in and around Egypt. Which of these features would affect how well food would grow?
  - a. rivers
  - b. climate
  - c. fertility of the soil
  - d. all of the above
  
3. Why was water such an important factor in early human settlement?
  - a. because it helped in irrigation (the watering of crops)
  - b. it was needed to drink
  - c. it helped to prevent disease (sicknesses that spread)
  - d. all of the above
  
4. Besides irrigation of crops, how were rivers helpful to humans?
  - a. they provided a means of transportation
  - b. they provided a source of food
  - c. they provided a source of drinking water
  - d. all of the above
  
5. Which type of land did farmers in and around the Nile River find most productive for growing crops?
  - a. desert land which was hot and dry
  - b. flat open land near the river itself
  - c. mountainous land that was steep
  - d. rocky land

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6. Which of the following is **not** an example of vegetation?
- a. reeds
  - b. trees
  - c. crops
  - d. rocks
7. Which of the following land areas has the **least amount** of vegetation?
- a. deserts
  - b. mountain forests
  - c. river valleys
  - d. the coastline around lakes
8. Besides food, how else did settlers in the Nile River Valley use vegetation to improve their lives?
- a. by making medicines
  - b. by making rope and other tools
  - c. by making paper
  - d. all of the above
9. Which of the following statements is **not true** about settlements in the Nile River Valley?
- a. vegetation provided shade
  - b. birds that could be hunted lived near rivers
  - c. fish were a source of food
  - d. hard, rocky soil was preferred by farmers over moist soil
10. Which is **true** about the Nile River?
- a. unlike most other rivers, it flows from south to north
  - b. it is the longest river in the world
  - c. it floods its banks every year
  - d. all of the above are true

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11. Which of these groups did **not** settle near the Nile River?

- a. Egyptians
- b. Kushites
- c. Hebrews
- d. all of them settled near the Nile River

12. What was the one benefit to the Egyptians and Kushites for being surrounded by the vast, hot, dry desert?

- a. it helped the crops grow better
- b. it kept enemy armies away
- c. sandy rocky soil made it easier to cross
- d. all of the above

13. What annual (yearly) event made growing crops near the Nile River so successful?

- a. the birds flew south for the winter
- b. the Nile overflowed its banks
- c. the building of the pyramids
- d. it snowed in the desert

14. What is the name given **to an area** of sediment (silt) that is deposited at the mouth of the river, where it drains into the sea, as the Nile does at the Mediterranean Sea?

- a. delta
- b. papyrus
- c. irrigation
- d. topography

15. A most useful, tough water plant was used by Egypt and Kush settlements. It was used for roofing, rope, baskets, and making paper. What is this plant called?

- a. fertilizer
- b. nomad
- c. papyrus
- d. silt

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16. What was the name of the Jordan River settlement of the Hebrews, which included hills, mountains, deserts, and bodies of water?
- a. Canaan
  - b. Kush
  - c. Egypt
  - d. Nubian Desert
17. Because the topography in Canaan made growing crops difficult, many Hebrews became **herders**. What do **herders** do?
- a. they fish from flat-bottom boats
  - b. they mine for salt and valuable metals
  - c. they tend grazing animals while they eat grass
  - d. they combine herbs to make natural medicines
18. Herders, seeking grasses for their animals to eat, were **nomads**. What does the term **nomads** mean?
- a. people who never marry
  - b. people who ride animals in races
  - c. people who bet on animals as they fight
  - d. people who move from place to place with no permanent home
19. Which was the most important source of **fresh water** for the Canaan settlement?
- a. Dead Sea
  - b. Jordan River
  - c. Sea of Galilee
  - d. Mediterranean Sea
20. **Topography** greatly influenced where settlements were established and how people lived. What does the term **topography** mean?
- a. how people rose to higher classes in society
  - b. how tall buildings were constructed
  - c. the high and low surface features of the land, such as mountains, valleys, hills, and deserts
  - d. none of the above