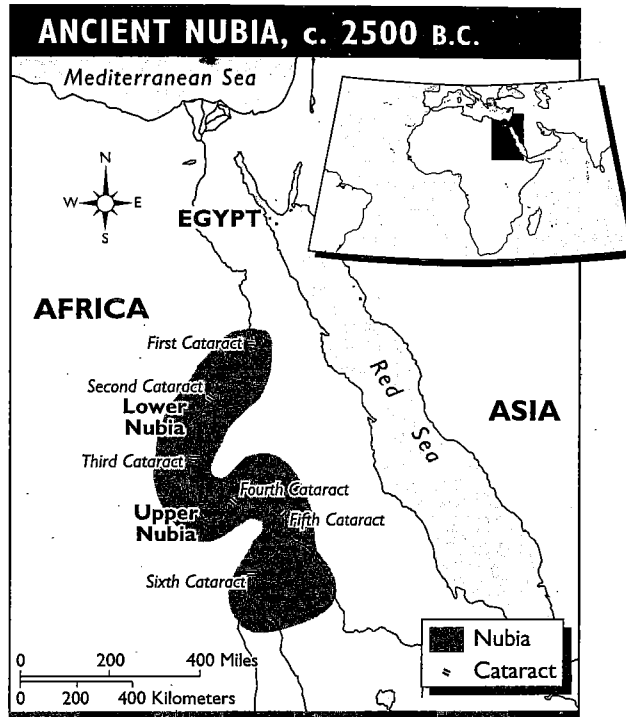
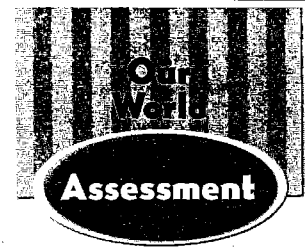


# The Land of Nubia

About 10,000 years ago, the kingdom of Nubia grew up on the banks of the Nile River. Study the map of ancient Nubia. Then answer the questions. For help, you may refer to pages 102 to 107 in your textbook.



1. On which present-day continent was Nubia located? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Find and label the Nile River on the map. Which two bodies of water lie north and east of the Nile? How did the Nile benefit Nubia? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How many regions did Nubia have? Describe them. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. With which ancient civilization in the north did the Nubians trade? What impact did this civilization have on Nubia? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How did Nubia grow wealthy? \_\_\_\_\_



## Chapter 3: Reading and Thinking Skills

- 1 The Great Pyramid of Pharaoh Khufu was the Old Kingdom's most spectacular monument. It brought honor to all of Egypt. The Great Pyramid took 22 years to build. Historians estimate that as many as 100,000 people may have worked on it.
- 2 The pyramids used large amounts of Egypt's resources. Entire cliffs of stone were cut into blocks to make the pyramids. In some places, the landscape along the Nile changed as whole cliffs disappeared. Also, a large part of the yearly taxes went to feed and clothe the workers.
- 3 Later rulers wanted their own pyramids. These huge projects put a strain on Egypt's people and economy. The unity of Egypt weakened as local rulers began to resist the orders of the pharaohs.

Fill in the circle before the correct answer.

1. What goal did the pharaohs want to achieve by building pyramids?  
 (a) to bring themselves glory       (c) to save Egypt's money  
 (b) to help the workers       (d) to change the environment
2. In paragraph 1, what was the result of the Pharaoh's decision to build a pyramid?  
 (a) His monument didn't last.       (c) He helped people who needed work.  
 (b) He was remembered by history.       (d) He was careful to protect the Nile.
3. One alternative the Pharaohs had to lower costs would have been to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) tax the Egyptians more       (c) build different, larger monuments  
 (b) hire more workers       (d) stop building more pyramids
4. What was one of the destructive consequences of building pyramids?  
 (a) The expense was very low.       (c) The Nile's environment changed.  
 (b) The pharaoh was proud.       (d) The pyramids were easy to build.
5. What was one of the long-term consequences of building pyramids?  
 (a) Egypt's economy was strained.       (c) The pharaohs became more powerful.  
 (b) Egypt grew richer.       (d) Egypt became democratic.
6. What did the local rulers' resistance most likely lead to?  
 (a) The resistance failed.       (c) The pharaohs changed their ways.  
 (b) The Egyptians gained glory.       (d) The Old Kingdom came to an end.