

The Middle Kingdom:

- nobles unified Egypt into a single state
- 250 yrs from around 2050 - 1800 B.C.
- time of law and order and prosperity
- pharaoh → not as powerful
- Hyksos defeated Egypt and inhabited lower Egypt
- ↳ Egyptians eventually drove away these invaders.

The New Kingdom:

- began in 1570 B.C.
- Egypt's rule over neighbouring nations was extended
- reached the peak of its power under Amenhotep III
- ↳ moved capital from Thebes to Tel el-Amarna
- ↳ established Aton (sun god) as one supreme god.

11. Who brought the New Kingdom to a close?

Alexander the Great

12. Examine the Pyramid of Khufu (figure 7.4). Describe the physical composition and appearance of the pyramid.

- rigid, straight contour lines that clearly define and accent the simple triangular shape of the structure.
- large (13 acres)

13. What did the Egyptians believe about the soul (ka)?

They believed that the soul (ka) came into being with the body and remained in the body until death. At death, the ka would leave the body for a time and eventually return and reunite with the body again for the journey to the next world and immortality.

14. The most impressive tombs were built for the pharaohs.

15. Identify who the following Egyptian gods are:

Re: Sun god

Osiris: god of the Nile

Isis: great mother god

16. What is a sarcophagus?

A stone coffin.

17. What is a mastaba?

A mastaba is a low, flat tomb.

18. Who were the temples dedicated to?

They were dedicated to a pharaoh's favourite god or gods.