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Ancient Kush Empire Questions - KEY

*Directions: After reading Chapter 12 Section 1 “Kush and Egypt” on pages 310-314 in* Eastern World *textbook, complete the following comprehension questions.*

1. Why did the Kush Kingdom develop in Nubia near the Nile River?

Heavy rainfall flooded the Nile River; floods provided a layer of rich, fertile soil

1. What natural resources (minerals) did the Kingdom of Kush have?

Fertile soil, gold, copper, stone

1. What were cataracts? Why were they important to the early Kush?

Cataracts were a stretch of rapids; Cataracts were natural barriers to invaders

1. What raw materials did Kush sell to Egypt?

Gold, copper, stone, ivory, ebony

1. How did Egyptian rule change Kush?

Egyptian language, styles, and religion became widespread in Kush

1. From where did the kings of Kush rule starting in about 850 BC, and why did they rule from there?

From Napata because the Egyptians had captured Kerma

1. How did Egyptian culture change under the Kushite Dynasty?

Culture thrived - built new temples to Egyptian gods, restored old temples, and worked to preserve many Egyptian writings

1. When and how were the Kushites pushed out of Egypt?

670s BC by the Assyrians because their iron weapons were better than the Kushites bronze weapons