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**Chapter 11 Section 3: Middle and New Kingdoms of Egypt**

*Directions: After reading Chapter 11 Section 3 “Middle and New Kingdoms” on pages 291-296 in* Eastern World *textbook, complete the following graphic organizer.*

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| **MIDDLE KINGDOM** | What happened at the end of the Old Kingdom? * **Pharaohs lost power**
* **They didn’t have enough wealth to keep up with the expenses of the pyramids**
* **Local nobles ruled their areas and no pharaoh for 160 years**

What years classify the Middle Kingdom? **2050-1750BC**Who caused the end of the Middle Kingdom? How?**The Hyksos from SW Asia invaded with advanced weapons and ruled as pharaohs for 200 years** |
| **NEW KINGDOM** | When does the New Kingdom occur? **1550-1050BC**How did the Egyptians build an empire? (Where and who did they conquer?)**They conquered Hyksos land, then Syria, then by 1400s they controlled whole eastern shore of Mediterranean, and south of them the kingdom of Kush**Why was trade important to the Egyptians? **It got them valuable supplies like gold, copper, turquoise, and made them rich**Why was Hatshepsut important? **She helped increase trade by sending merchants and traders south to Punt and north to Greece and Asia Minor**What other groups invaded Egypt during the New Kingdom? Were they successful? * **Hittites – no. neither one could defeat the other ended in a “draw”**
* **Tehenu – no. tried twice, once against Ramses and another 100 years later**
* **Sea People – no. but it took the Egyptians over 50 years to beat them**

What led to the decline of the New Kingdom?**The invasions of the Hittites and Sea People weakened them and they fell into a period of violence and disorder** |
| **WORK & DAILY LIFE** | What kind of writing did scribes do? * **Kept records and accounts for temples and government**
* **Wrote and copied religious and literary texts**

Why did pharaohs value talented architects? **They were the designers of temples and the royal tombs**What did the military offer citizens in Egypt? * **Rise in social status**
* **Got land as payment and could keep any treasure they captured in war**

Who made up the majority of Egypt’s population? **Farmers and peasants**How did some people come to be enslaved in Egypt? **Convicted criminals or prisoners of war****\*\*\* Women had some rights!!\*\*\*** |