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Unit 3 Vocabulary Words– Ancient Egypt

Word	Definition	Illustration
vegetation	the plants of a place or region	
pharaoh	a ruler of Ancient Egypt	
social pyramid	a pyramid outline showing the positions of social classes according to their status in a society	
status	importance	
noble	a rich and powerful person; of high birth or rank	
peasant	a person who does farm work for wealthy landowners	
hieroglyph	a symbol used in hieroglyphics-the ancient Egyptian writing system	
dynasty	a family or group that rules for several generations	
papyrus	a paper-like material made from reeds	
cataracts	rapids along a river	
delta	a triangle-shaped area of land made from soil deposited by a river	
elite	people of wealth and power	
Rosetta Stone	a huge stone slab inscribed with hieroglyphics, Greek, and a later form of Egyptian that allowed historians to understand Egyptian writing	

sphinx	an imaginary creature with a human head and the body of a lion	
obelisk	a tall, pointed, four-sided pillar	
treaty	a written agreement by which two or more states agree to peaceful relations	
mummy	a specially treated body wrapped in cloth for preservation	

Become familiar with and be able to identify the following terms.
(Tell who, what, or where they are.)

Nile River
Menes
Kush
Mediterranean Sea
engineering
Ramses the Great
Pharaoh Khufu
Hatshepsut
polytheism
vizier