Egypt Geography Review

1. Why was the Nile River important?
   1. Provided water, transportation, provided fertile soil after floods… in a desert.
2. What did the ﬂoods of the Nile River provide for farmers?
   1. Fertile soil, gave silt which had nutrients for soil, and predictability.
3. How did Egyptians use the land around the Nile? Black land - Built houses near river, grew crops near river, fishing,
4. What agricultural techniques did ancient Egyptians use?
   1. Birds (Ibises) would arrive before floods, irrigation canals to transfer water to crops, shadufs to spread water across fields.
5. Compare Mesopotamia and Egypt Geographically. The good/bad and sim/diff.
   1. Floods (Meso. Unpredictable / Egypt Predictable)
   2. Both had rivers good for transport&fertile soil.
   3. Both used irrigation canals but Egypt didn’t need dams, Meso. Didn’t use shadufs.
   4. Both had protection from enemies (Meso. Mountains / Egypt had desert)
   5. Both didn’t get much rain: (Mesopotamia 10 inches of rain / Egypt 1in)
   6. CROPS: Mesopotamia: Wheat, grain, sheep.

Egypt: Wheat (first to make flour), Figs, Fruit, Vegetables