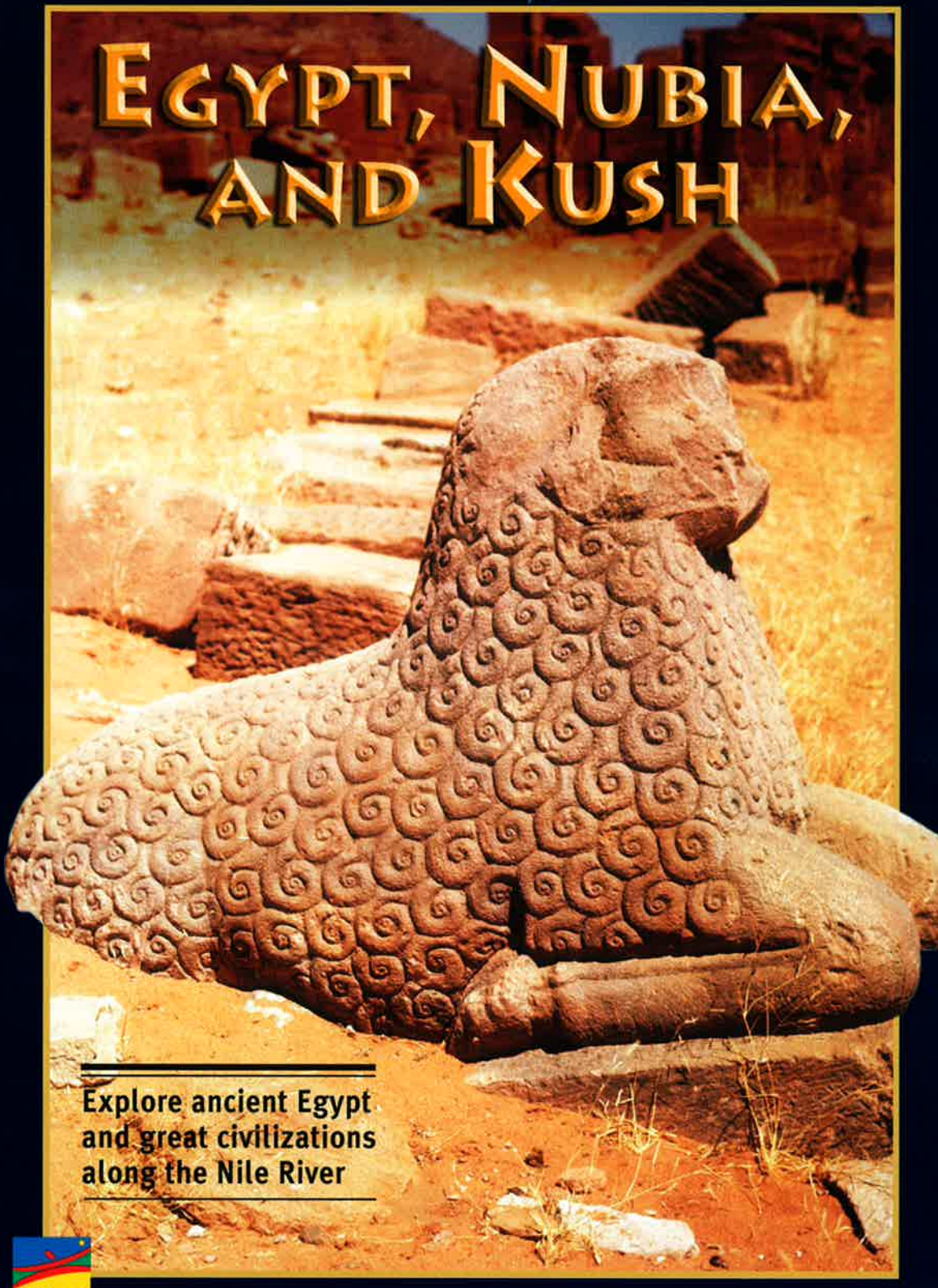
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## READING

### Comprehension Skill:

Compare and Contrast

As you read, look for ways to compare and contrast life in Egypt and Nubia. Be sure to look for clue words that help you determine comparisons and contrasts.

### Phonics/Word Study:

Long **e** Digraphs

As you read, look for words with long **e** digraphs, like **seasons**. This sound in a syllable rhymes with the word **we**.

## Look for these text and graphic features.

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- Table of contents
- Introduction
- Sidebars
- Conclusion
- Glossary
- Index
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- Vocabulary words in boldfaced type
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- Checkpoints. Check yourself to see that you understand what you have read. Pages 23, 27

### Graphic Features

- Photographs
- Maps. Pages 2, 20, 25

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This book explains the civilizations of Egypt and Nubia. It identifies similarities and differences between the two civilizations, and how their lives are similar to our lives today.

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- Primary Source Documents. Examine original documents from the past. Pages 7, 21

### Content Vocabulary

artifact
cataract
civilization
culture
empire
hieroglyphics
pharaoh
pyramid
scribe
tomb

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# Pictures To Think About

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Tigris

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(2686 to 2181 B.C.)

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(1991 to 1786 B.C.)

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(1554 to 1070 B.C.)

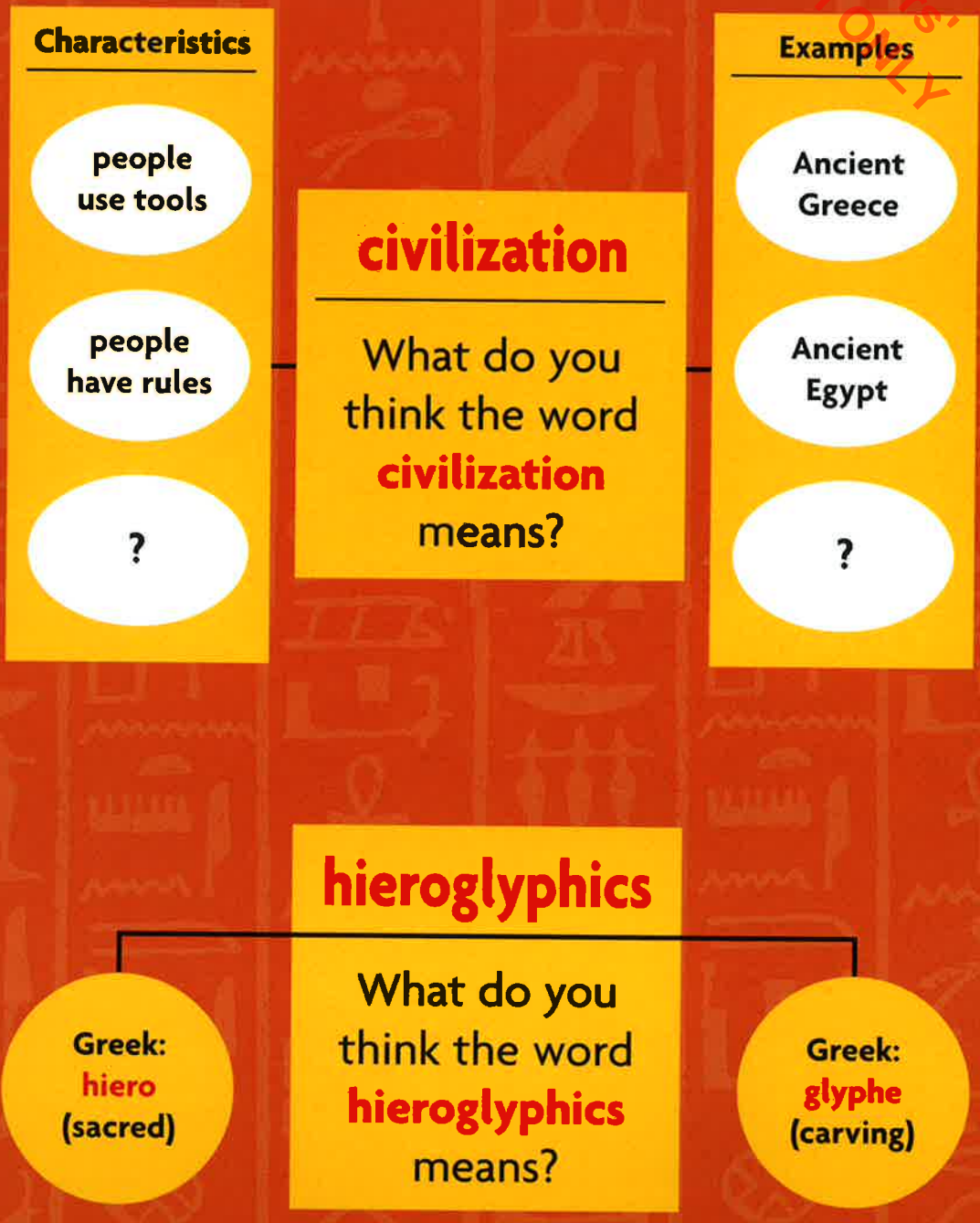
Persian Gulf

ARABIAN PENINSULA



# Words To Think About

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# pyramid

What do you think the word **pyramid** means?

## What is a pyramid like?

- large
- ?
- triangular sides

## What was inside a pyramid?

- treasure
- ?
- mummies



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# Introduction

The Nile River is in Africa. The Nile is a big river. The soil near the Nile River is rich. It is good for farming.

Long ago, people settled near the Nile. Two **civilizations** (sih-vuh-luh-ZAY-shunz) began along this river. The civilizations were Ancient Egypt and Ancient Nubia.

Both civilizations started as farming communities. Each grew into a strong country. The two places traded with each other. Both had a central government that ruled the people. Good artists lived in both places.

**The Nile River flows north and empties into the Mediterranean Sea. The waterfalls, called cataracts (KA-tuh-rakts), are numbered from north to south. In ancient times, Nubia was Egypt's neighbor to the south.**

