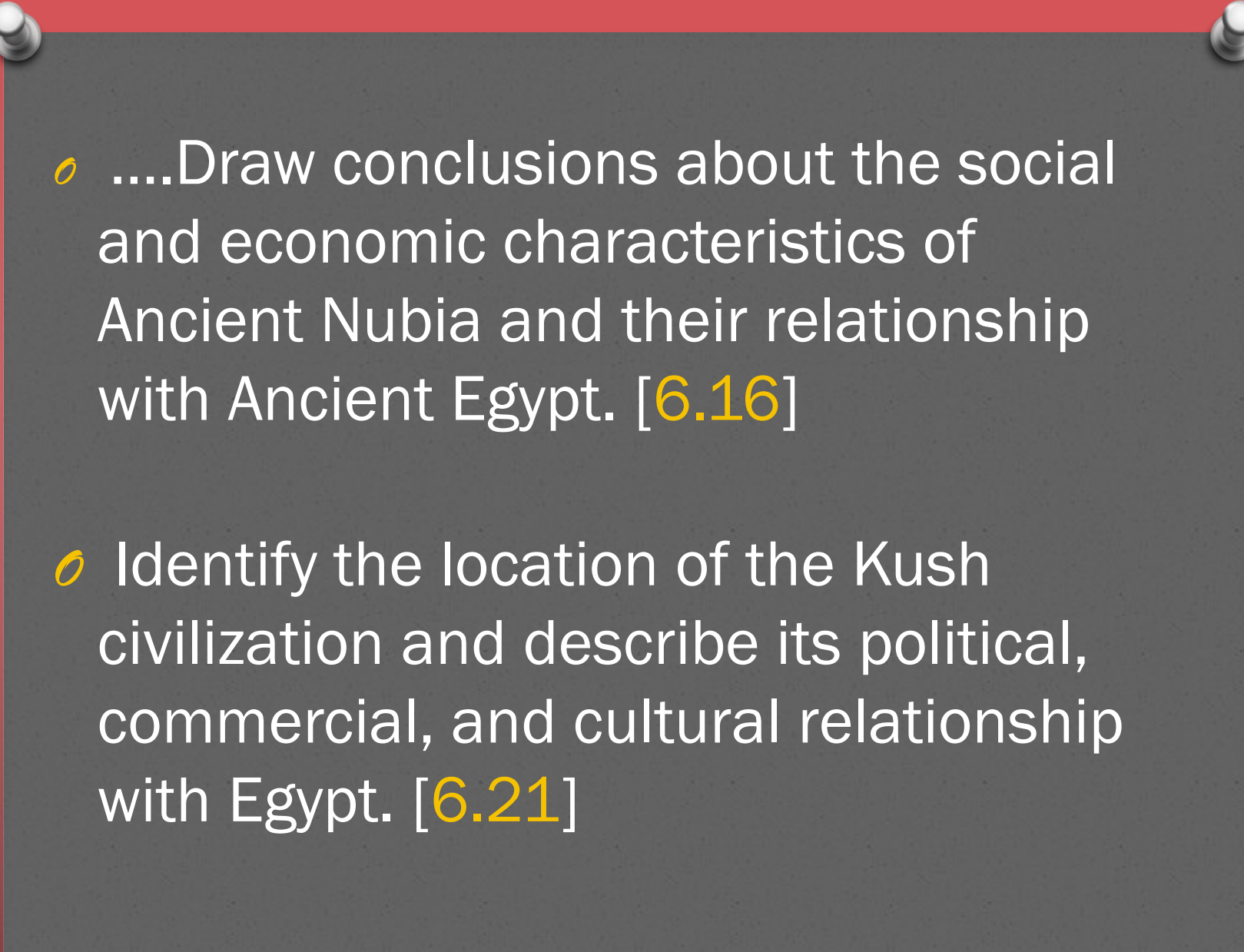




The Kingdom of Kush

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- oDraw conclusions about the social and economic characteristics of Ancient Nubia and their relationship with Ancient Egypt. [6.16]

- o Identify the location of the Kush civilization and describe its political, commercial, and cultural relationship with Egypt. [6.21]

The Nubians

- o Later known as Kush
- o Located in Africa
- o South of Egypt
- o Present-day Sudan



	Nubia
	Kush
	Nok
	Mediterranean colonies
	Persia
	City
	State
	Trans-Saharan trade route
	Spread of iron making from 6th century BCE to the 2nd century BCE

The Nubians

- o Cattle herders were first to settle
 - o Herded over the savannas
- o Later people settled in farming villages
 - o Along the Nile





The Nubians

- o Did NOT rely on the Nile River
- o Had rainfall and fertile soil all year long
- o Farmers grew beans, yams, rice, and grains.
- o Hunters and warriors excelled at bow & arrow





The Rise of Kerma

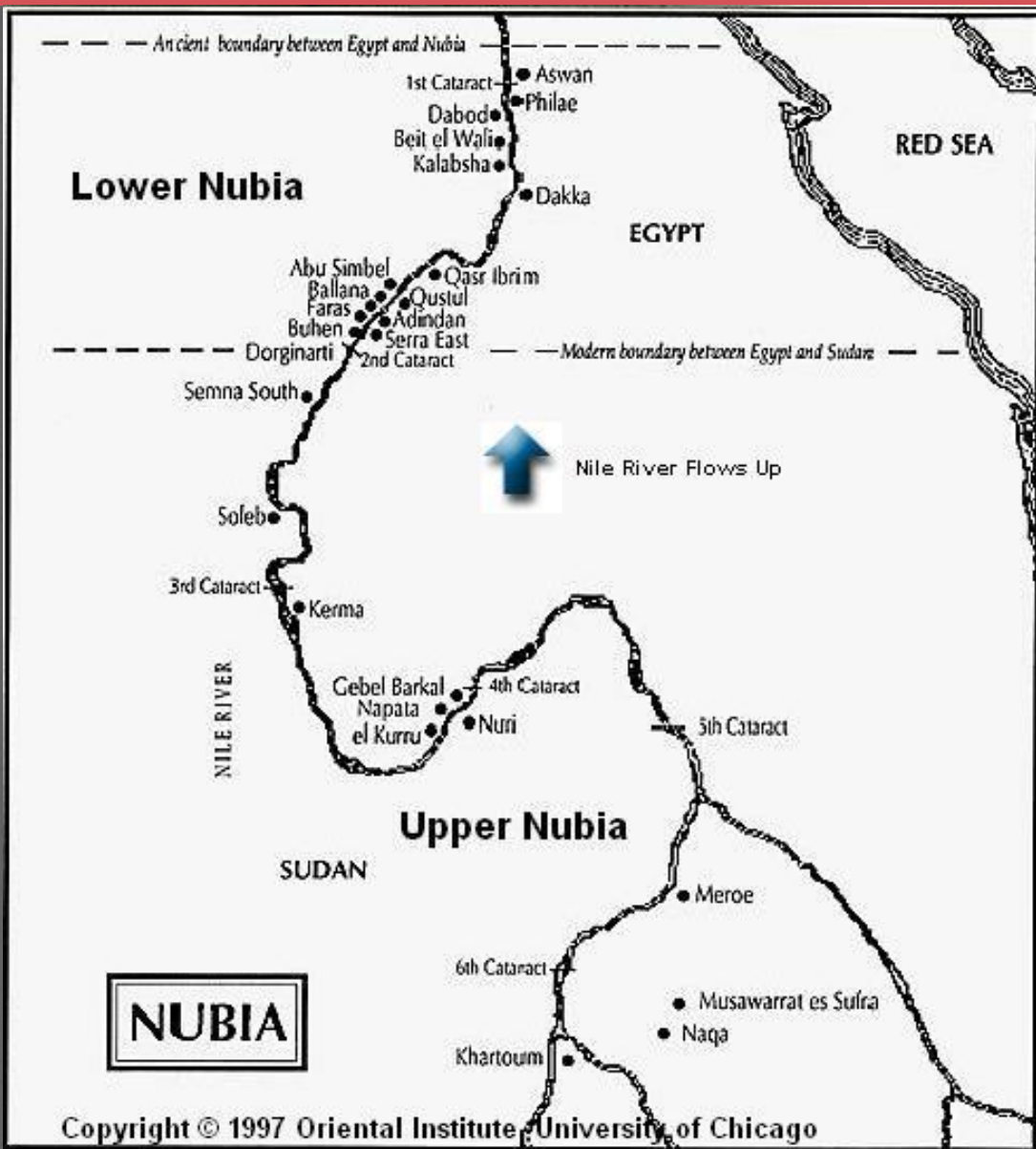
o Stronger villages take over weak villages

o Form the kingdom of Kerma

o Kerma grew wealthy from agriculture and mining gold

o Developed trade relationship with Egypt

o Trade link between Egypt and southern Africa



The Rise of Kerma

- o Egyptians acquired cattle, gold, incense, ivory, giraffes, leopards, and enslaved people
- o Egyptians hired Nubians to serve in their armies
- o Kerma's artisans produced pottery, jewelry, and metal goods

Kerma

- o Kerma kings had smaller tombs than Egyptian tombs.
- o Buried with personal belongings
 - o Including gems, gold, jewelry, and pottery





Egyptian Invasion

- o Egyptian armies invaded Nubia in 1400 BCE
- o Egypt conquered Kerma after a 50 year war
- o Egypt ruled Kerma for 700 years



Cultural Diffusion

- o Nubians adopted Egyptian culture
- o Worshipped Egyptian gods
- o Learned to use copper and bronze
- o Adapted hieroglyphics to fix their language
- o Created an alphabet

Kerma

- o Nubians broke away from Egyptian rule during the Middle Kingdom





The Rise of Kush

o Nubians formed Kush

o Capital was Napata

o Located where trade caravans
crossed Upper Nile

o Trade brought wealth to Kush





Kush
Conquers
Egypt

o Kushite king Piye conquers
Egypt in 728 BCE

o Founded the 25th dynasty

o Governed Egypt and Kush
from Napata

Using Iron

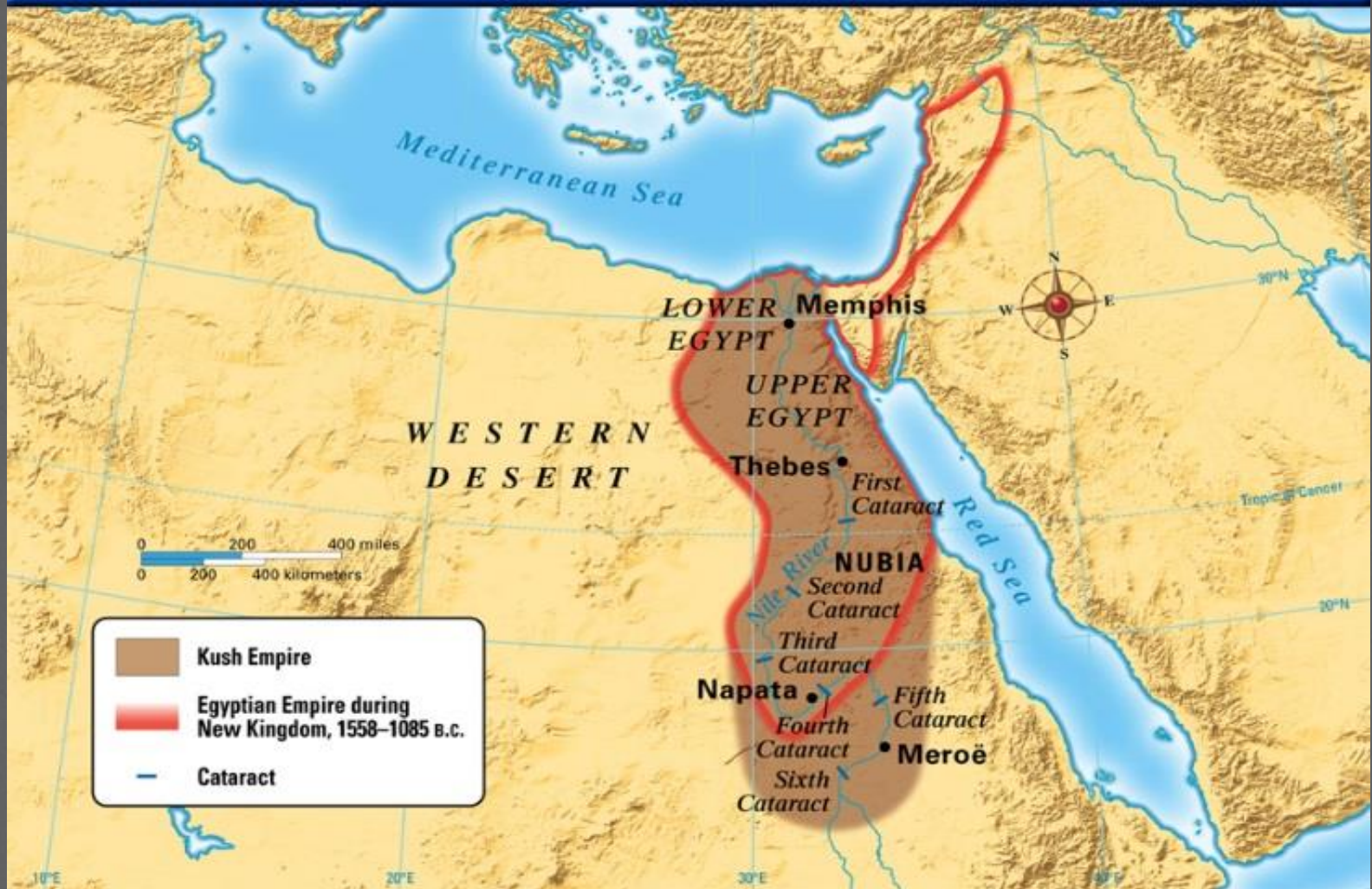
- o Kush ruled Egypt for 60 years
- o Assyrians invaded Egypt
 - o Defeated Kush with their iron weapons
- o Kushites returned to their homeland.
 - o Learned how to make iron tools
 - o Boosted their military strength



A New Capital

- o Rulers moved capital to Meroe
- o Near one of the Nile's cataracts
- o Iron ore deposits found in Meroe
- o Made city major center for iron production
- o Major trading city

The Kingdom of Kush, 700 B.C.





A Trading Center

- o Kush remained a great trading kingdom for 600 years
- o Axum emerged in present day Ethiopia
 - o Gained strength from its location along the Red Sea
 - o Served as a trading center
 - o Mediterranean Sea to East Africa
 - o Armies of Axum invaded Kush and destroyed Meroe