**Egypt Notes**

**Chapter 4 – Section #3**

* *Old Kingdom:*
* Started around 275 BC when upper and lower Egypt was united.
* Built large pyramids over the tombs of pharaohs.
* *Khufu’s Great pyramid:*
* Early pharaohs wanted monuments to themselves and permanent tombs, so they began building pyramids.
* The largest ever built was the Great Pyramid of Khufu
* Everyone know pharaohs were buried with great riches and thieves kept robbing the tombs. So, during New Kingdom, pharaohs built secret tombs.
* *Middle Kingdom:*
* Amenemhet I founded the 12th Dynasty which lasted over 200 years.
* Gained control of the gold trade in Nubia
* Arts flourished
* Trade expanded
* Pharaoh’s gained more farm land
* Invaded from the northeast by the Hyksos who conquered much of Lower Egypt’s with their advantage of better weapons and horse-drawn chariots.