**Egypt Notes**

**Chapter 4 – Section #4**

**New Kindgom and Kush**

* *A Woman Pharaoh:*
* Queen Hatshepsut was the 1st woman to rule as Pharaoh
* Wanted to make Egypt richer through trade
* Built obelisk in her honor
* Not sure what happened to her, some suspect she was killed by her stepson, Thutmose the III.
* *A Reforming Pharaoh:*
* Akhenaton promoted the worship of the sun god, Aton, and closed the temples of other gods.
* New religion was abandoned by the next pharaoh
* Art changed. Pharaohs were now shown in their realistic form.
* *A Powerful Pharaoh:*
* 1279 BC, Ramses II takes the throne
* Extended territory south into Nubia
* Claimed victory in battle against the Hittites
* Negotiated the 1st known peace treaty. Ruled for around 66 years making the empire stable and peaceful.
* After his death, the government weakened and was ruled by a series of foreign rulers.
* *Nubia and the Kush Civilization:*
* 700 BC, the Nubian kingdom of Kush conquered all of Egypt and ruled from their capital in Napata.
* Retained their worship of the Egyptian god, Amun.