

CHAPTER  
**2**

GUIDED READING *Pyramids on the Nile*

Section 2

**A. Determining Main Ideas** As you read about ancient Egyptian civilization, fill out the chart below by writing notes to answer the questions.

Government	
1. Why is Narmer a legendary hero in ancient Egyptian history?	
2. How did the role of Egyptian pharaohs differ from the role of Mesopotamian rulers?	
3. Why did the Egyptians build great pyramids for their kings?	

Culture	
4. How did Egyptian religious beliefs compare with those of the Mesopotamians?	
5. What social classes made up Egyptian society?	
6. What were significant achievements of the ancient Egyptians in science and technology?	
7. How did the Egyptian writing system compare with the Mesopotamian system?	

**B. Writing Expository Paragraphs** On the back of this paper, write a paragraph explaining why ancient Egypt was viewed as the “gift of the Nile.” Use the words **delta** and **cataract** in your writing.