

Chapter 5

Lesson 4

The Kingdom of Kush

The Nubians

- Nubia was later known as Kush
 - located south of Egypt
 - cattle herders from the Sahara
 - fertile soil, rainfall all year

The Rise of Kerma

- stronger Nubian villages took over weaker ones and formed Kerma
- kings were buried with personal belongings

Egyptian Invasion

- as a result of Egyptian rule, Nubians adopted many beliefs and customs of Egyptian culture

The Kushite Kingdom

- end of Middle Kingdom, Egypt was weak
- Nubians were able to break away from Egyptian rule

The Rise of Kush

- Nubians formed independent kingdom, Kush
 - capital was Napata
 - located where trade caravans crossed the upper part of the Nile River

Kush Conquers Egypt

- Piye became king
 - founded the twenty-fifth Dynasty that governed Egypt and Kush from Napata
- built pyramid tombs for their kings

Using Iron

- Assyrians invaded Egypt, defeated the Kushites, and took over Egypt

The Capital of Meroë

- Kush's rulers moved capital to Meroë
- Meroë resembled Egypt's great cities

A Trading Center

- Kush remained a great trading kingdom for nearly 600 years
- armies of Axum invaded Kush and destroyed Meroë