WORLD HISTORY Day 1 Notes

Ancient Egypt

* Africa
* Egypt - 95% desert – like all of Atlantic Coast (Maine to Florida) w/ only Maryland being inhabited
* Nile River longest river (4160 miles)
  + Source = Lake Victoria
* flows S 🡪 N
* predictable flooding (Sirius – star), summer, wind blows from N 🡪 S
  + Provides stability to Egypt (unlike Tigris/Euphrates in Mesopotamia)
* Nile provided everything to Egyptians [**Hapy** 🡪 god of Nile – caused Nile to flood – had body of a human with fleshy chest and “full” belly to represent bountiful food the Nile provides]
* Nile is broken up by “Cataracts” (rapids)
* Egyptian Civilization built along 750 mile stretch of Nile
* “Black” Land (fertile)
* “Red” Land (desert)
* Desert provided a natural barrier for protection
* **Herodotus** – “Egypt is the gift of the Nile”