**Chapter 3 Reading Guide: Early African Societies and the Bantu Migrations.** Directions: As you read pages 50-72, answer the following questions thoroughly.

**Terms:**

Nubia:

Menes:

Pharaoh:

Pyramids:

Kush:

Hyksos:

Queen Hatshepsut:

Hieroglyphics:

Akhenaten:

Akhetaten:

Osiris:

Bantu:

**Reading Guide:**

Look at Map 3.1, what geographic conditions favored the establishment of large states north of the first cataract of the Nile River?

Compare the Egyptians and Nubians methods of agriculture.

Why was a formal government system needed in Egypt and Nubia?

What was different compared to Mesopotamia?

Describe the role of the Pharaohs.

Describe the relations between Egypt and Nubia. Provide examples.

Describe the influence of the Hyksos on the Egyptians.

Using Map 3.2, why was the New Kingdom able to expand so dramatically to the north and south? Why did it not expand also to the east and west?

How was the New Kingdom different from the Old Kingdom?

How did the social structure of Egypt and Nubia compare to Mesopotamia?

Discuss the relationship between specialized labor and trade.

To where did the Egyptians trade? What did they trade?

Describe the religion of the Egyptians.

Who were the Bantu and where did they originate?

Using Map 3.3, to what extent do technological and environmental factors help explain the extent of the Bantu migrations?

What caused the Bantu to migrate?

To where did the Bantu migrate?

Describe the Bantu religious beliefs.

How did the Bantu influence sub-Saharan Africa?

**Big Picture Questions (Answer in 3-4 sentences for each question)**

1. How did civilizations in Africa develop and grow more complex before 600 BCE?
2. What were the effects of this increasing complexity?
3. Where did the earliest civilizations develop in Africa, and why did they develop in those locations?
4. Who ruled the early African states, and which segments of society usually supported the ruler?
5. Why were some early African states able to expand and conquering neighboring states?
6. What methods did rulers in Africa use to unify their populations?
7. What architectural forms did early civilizations produce?
8. Which social strata encouraged the development of art in ancient civilizations in Africa?
9. How “big” were the pre-600 BCE trading regions in Africa?
10. How did social and gender identities develop pre-600 BCE in Africa?