2-2 Notes

* The Old Kingdom – lasted 300 years (BC)
* During the Old Kingdom Egyptians built cities and expanded trade. Kings provided a strong gov’t
* Pharaoh- means “great house” – all powerful ruler – obeyed without question.
* Egyptians believed the pharaoh was the son of the SUN god Re – making him a god.
* Memphis was the capital city of Egypt during the OK.
* Egyptians believed in many DEITIES – gods and goddesses
* Hapi – god who ruled the Nile River
* Isis – goddess who represented the loyal wife and mother AND helped rule over the dead
* Osiris – god (married to Isis) who ruled the dead
* Anubis – the god of mummification
* *Book of the Dead* – a collection of spells and prayers that Egyptians studied to obtain life after death.
* Only the pharaoh and an elite few could enjoy the afterlife.
* To protect the pharaoh’s body (for the afterlife) Egyptians embalmed the body.
* The wrapped embalmed body is called a mummy.
* The Egyptians wrote the world’s first medical books (on scrolls of course).
* Pyramids are huge mountain like tombs for pharaohs.
* Each pyramid entrance faces north.
* The Great Pyramid was built for King Khufu and was ONCE the tallest building in the world for more than 4000 years.