2-3 Notes

* Middle Kingdom – capital city is Thebes
* During the MK Egyptians enjoyed a golden age of stability, prosperity and achievement.
* Egypt took control of more lands forcing kingdoms to pay TRIBUTE – forced payments to a kingdom
* Pharaohs no longer built pyramids, but had their tombs cut out of cliffs –this area is known as “Valley of the Kings”.
* MK comes to an end. The Hyksos, fierce warriors with bronze and iron weapons ruled Egypt for 120 years.
* Ahmose, an Egyptian prince drove the Hyksos out of Egypt beginning the New Kingdom.
* The NK was a period of when Egypt reached its highest glory.
* Hatshepsut was one of the few women who ruled Egypt as queen. She was more interested in TRADE than conquest.
* During the NK, slavery became common.
* Amenhotep – a pharaoh who changed Egypt’s religion to monotheism (believing in one god). And that one god was him---named Aton.
* Tutankhamen – boy pharaoh, AKA King Tut, whose tomb was filled with great treasure.
* Ramses II – pharaoh who ruled for 66 years – he conquered new lands and rebuilt Egypt as a great empire.