Ancient Nubia and Kush
IV. The Kingdom of Kush
The Nubians lived in Nubia SOUTH of Egypt; along the Nile, in present day SUDAN
IV. The Kingdom of Kush
Nubians did NOT rely on the Nile for their farming
  i. their land was fertile and receive rain all year long
  ii. grew crops like beans, **YAMS**, rice, and grains
  iii. herded longhorn cattle on savannas (grassy **PLAINS**)
IV. The Kingdom of Kush
A. The Nubians lived in the land of Nubia (later known as Kush)
2. Nubian villages combined to form the kingdom of Kerma
   a. wealthy via farming and mining of GOLD
IV. The Kingdom of Kush

B. The Kushite Kingdom escapes Egyptian rule

1. kingdom of **KUSH** starts ca 850BC w/ capital city of Napata

a. Napata served as a trade link between central Africa and Egypt
IV. The Kingdom of Kush

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4. some Kushites followed customs from southern Africa such as ankle and ear jewelry

5. when ASSYRIANS conquer Egypt, Kushites head back south
   a. Kushites learn to use IRON for weapons & tools (like Assyrians)
IV. The Kingdom of Kush

C. The Capital of Meroë

1. located near cataract on the Nile
   a. offered protection from attacks
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2. became a major area for the production of IRON
   a. they had large deposits of iron ore
   b. lots of trees to use in furnaces to make iron
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3. city of Meroë modeled after Egyptian cities
   a. temple dedicated to god Amon-Re
   b. palace walls decorated with paintings
   c. small **PYRAMIDS** in royal graveyard
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4. center location for trade between Egypt & central AFRICA
5. traded w/ places as far as ROME, Arabia, India, & even ASIA
   a. included cotton and TEXTILES (which is woven cloth)
   b. merchants used wealth to build houses & public BATHS
IV. The Kingdom of Kush
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6. remained a great trading kingdom for about 600 years
7. kingdom of Axum started (located in modern day ETHIOPIA)
   a. located near the RED Sea
   b. armies of Axum invaded Kush; destroyed Meroë ca 350AD