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## Ancient Egypt: A Timeless Civilization

### Short Answer Key

1. The unification of Upper and Lower Egypt occurred around 3100 BCE when King Narmer unified the two regions. This marked the beginning of ancient Egypt as a centralized state and allowed for dynastic rule.
2. Achievements during the Middle Kingdom included territorial expansion, artistic and literary flourishing, and the development of the "Middle Egyptian" language.
3. The decline of ancient Egypt began during the Third Intermediate Period, marked by foreign invasions and internal strife. Foreign powers that controlled Egypt included the Persians and later the Greeks under Alexander the Great.
4. Hieroglyphics were a system of writing that included thousands of symbols used for religious texts, inscriptions, and historical records. They played a vital role in preserving and communicating ancient Egyptian culture.
5. One astronomical achievement was the development of calendars based on the movement of celestial bodies, particularly the annual rising of the star Sirius, which signaled the start of the annual flooding of the Nile River.

