Test Question/answer

Explain why Egyptian conventions stayed relatively the same for 3000 years. Be sure to include Geographic, political and religious reasons.

Geographical

* Isolated due to the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding deserts
* Easily defendable as well
* Predictable flooding on the Nile each year
* Homogeneous population
* Idea of permanence
* Continual rebirth because of flooding, sun, sowing, harvest
* Isolation also led to ideas and culture, no outside influences
* Everything they needed was supplied in, near, or around the Nile, food, stone, clay, etc.

Religion

* Strongly held belief that Pharaohs were sons of gods
* Afterlife when pharaohs turned into gods
* Stable beliefs
* Believed that in the afterlife their souls, *Ka*, and their bodies were reunited.
* Elaborate funerary tradition
* Polytheism
* Stable society that didn’t question authority
* Agricultural based due to annual flooding

Politics

* Pharaohs ruled for the collective good of society
* Individual rights, expression, and ideas were stifled.
* Pharaohs were supreme leaders
* Economy was agriculturally based
* Dynastic society
* Economic prosperity within their own culture, very little outside trading