

## Course details

### Course title

History: The Egypt of Empire and Conquest - Ancient Egypt and Nubia

### Course code

Q00017283

### Course date

Start: 04/12/24

End: 04/12/24

### Number of classes

1 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 4th Dec, 10:00 to 16:00

### Tutor

John Billman

### Fee range

Free to £25.20

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

### Venue

Woodley Hill House (Reading)

Woodley Hill House  
45 Eastcourt Avenue  
Reading  
RG6 1HH

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

In a Study Day suitable for all we will consider how ancient Egypt treated a neighbour. Nubia is the area immediately to the south of ancient Egypt encompassing the south of Egypt today and much of modern Sudan. Nubia itself developed significant cultural entities especially the Kerma civilization and the later Napatan and Meroitic cultures. However much of the history of Nubia is inter-twined with ancient Egypt. The relationship between ancient Egypt and Nubia is a fascinating one and an ever-changing story. This day school explores the Nubian experience with Egypt from trade, through conquest, to the 'Black Pharaohs' of the Kushite period.

## **Course description**

Ancient Egypt's relationship with its southern neighbour changed significantly over time. This accessible to all study day explores the core narrative of the interconnections which evolve from early trade to a more intrusive relationship. Key topics will include: • The Kerma civilization described by UNESCO as "one of the earliest urban centres in sub-Saharan Africa"

- The Middle Kingdom conquest of Lower Nubia and the so-called forts
- The New-Kingdom 'Golden Empire' – an imperialistic conquest of Nubia by Egypt
- The so-called "Black Pharaohs" who conquered Egypt from the south and ruled both Nubia and Egypt

In considering these topics we will use a mix of textual and archaeological evidence. Propaganda stelae (stone slabs with writing) will give one viewpoint of the conquest of Lower Nubia will fragments of papyrus of commanders' dispatches hint at the day-to-day reality. The Piye Victory Stela describes the Kushite conquest of Egypt and monumental tombs in Thebes (where the tutor participates in an excavation) give a picture of the power and wealth of officials. Our emphasis as we explore this evidence will be to reach beneath a propaganda of xenophobia and consider the real value and connection between these often uneasy and unequal neighbours.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

**Source URL:** *<https://www.wea.org.uk/courses/humanities-science/history/4-december-history-egypt-empire-and-conquest-ancient-egypt-and>*