

NORTH AFRICA

EGYPT

DAILY LIFE

- ^{Muslims} Pray 5 times a day facing SE (Mecca)
- live each day according to Sharia
- Urban & Rural life different
- Depend on the Nile
- 1/3 of workforce in agriculture
- 1/2 of population lives in cities
- bazaars - open air markets
- people move to cities for jobs & education
- Rural - people live in villages
- fellahen - rural farmers - do not own land

RELIGION

- Islam - (Muslim ^{people})
- Ramadan - Holy month, fast (don't eat) eat only after sunset
- Some Christians - Coptic Church here before Islam
- Follow Quran pray 5 times a day in mosques
- Sharia - Islamic law

GEOGRAPHY

- Across Red Sea from Saudi Arabia
- Nile River
- Cairo is capital
- Aswan High Dam - created Lake Nasser (world's 3rd largest reservoir)
- Nearly all of the people live on the 4% of land closest to the Nile River
- Land Use
 - 3% Arable
 - 5% Permanent Crops
 - 96.5% Other

TODAY

- Recently some have argued that all laws should match Islamic law exactly
- Aswan Dam - blocks silt - Nile Delta shrinking - less fertile ground, farmers have to use chemicals