

# Early Civilizations Map Assignment

**Directions:** Locate and neatly label the following on your map of the ancient world. Use your textbook, and/or online maps].

**A. BODIES OF WATER --> use a BLUE-ink pen to label, draw in all rivers**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indus River        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yangtze River           | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Sea        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ganges River       | <input type="checkbox"/> Huang He (Yellow) River | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Sea     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nile River & Delta | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Sea       | <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic Ocean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tigris River       | <input type="checkbox"/> Amazon River            | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Ocean   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Euphrates River    |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Ocean  |

**B. GEOGRAPHIC LAND FEATURES--> use a BLACK-ink pen and label; use ^^^^ to mark mountain ranges**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Zagros Mountains   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sahara Desert     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Himalaya Mountains | <input type="checkbox"/> Taklimakan Desert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasus Mountains | <input type="checkbox"/> Gobi Desert       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andes Mountains    |  |

**C. CITIES --> use a RED -ink pen, label each city with an open circle °**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ur      | <input type="checkbox"/> Monte Alban  | <input type="checkbox"/> Carthage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Babylon | <input type="checkbox"/> Mohenjo-Daro | <input type="checkbox"/> Anyang   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memphis | <input type="checkbox"/> Harappa      |                                   |

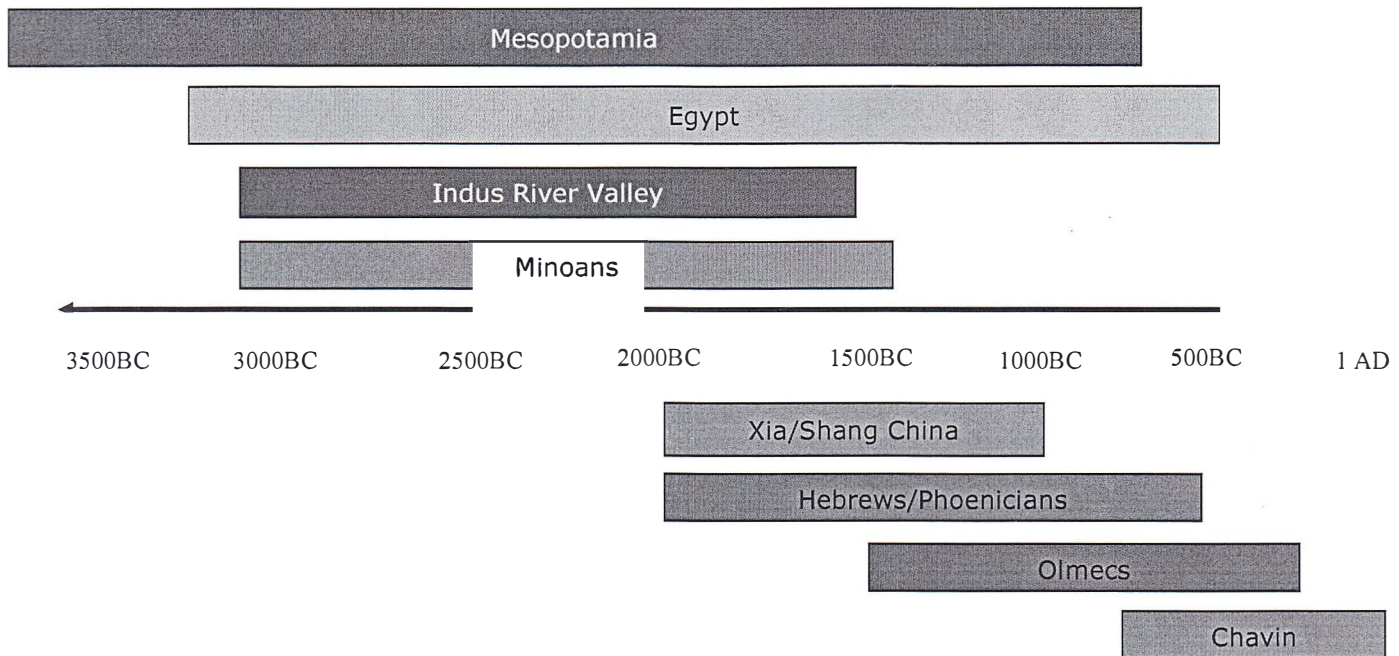
**D. ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS --> shade the territory controlled by each of the following civilizations; use a different color for each and create a key/legend matching the colors (in the case of overlapping civilizations create a striped area using the appropriate colors):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mesopotamia - Sumer (3500 BC-750 BC)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Minoans (3000BC – 1400BC)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Egypt (3100BC – 500BC)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hittite (2000BC-1250BC)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canaanite – Hebrews/Phoenicians (2000BC – 500BC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Olmec (1500BC – 400BC)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chavin (900BC – 200BC)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Xia/Shang China (1700-1046BC)  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Indus - Harappan (3000-1500BC) |

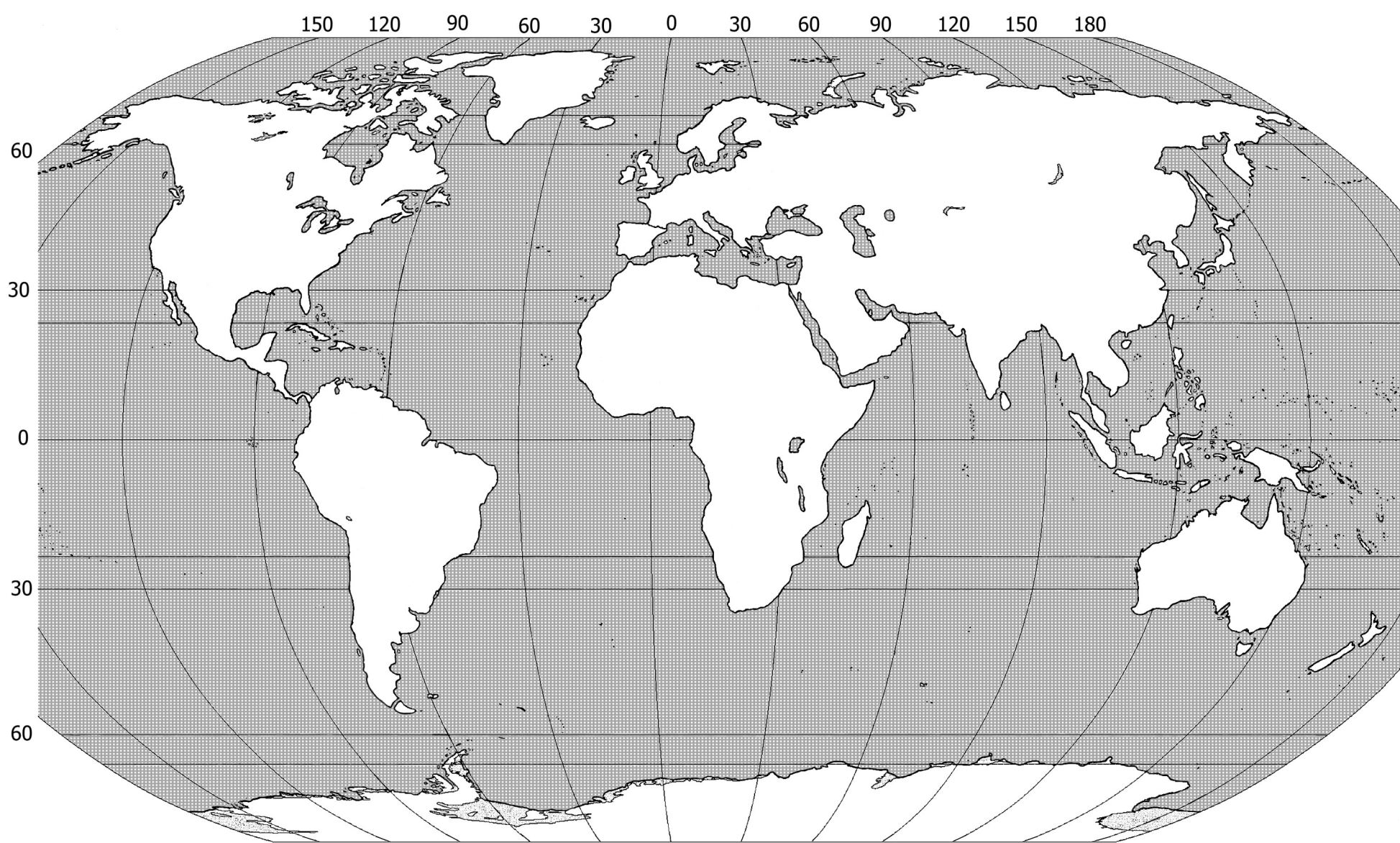
**F. CRITICAL THINKING Part I--> Now study your completed map and answer these questions:**

1. Which civilizations appear to be the most naturally isolated and secure from invasion? Why?

2. What features do you see that would make trade, migration, and invasion possible (even easy) for any of these civilizations?



3. Looking at the timeline and the longevity of the civilizations, describe the relationship between geography and the ability of a civilization to last. Besides geography, what other factors might cause a civilization to be more or less successful over time?
4. How would you explain these civilizations developing at approximately the same time in completely different parts of the world without ever meeting each other?



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3000 kilometers  
2000 miles  
Robinson Projection