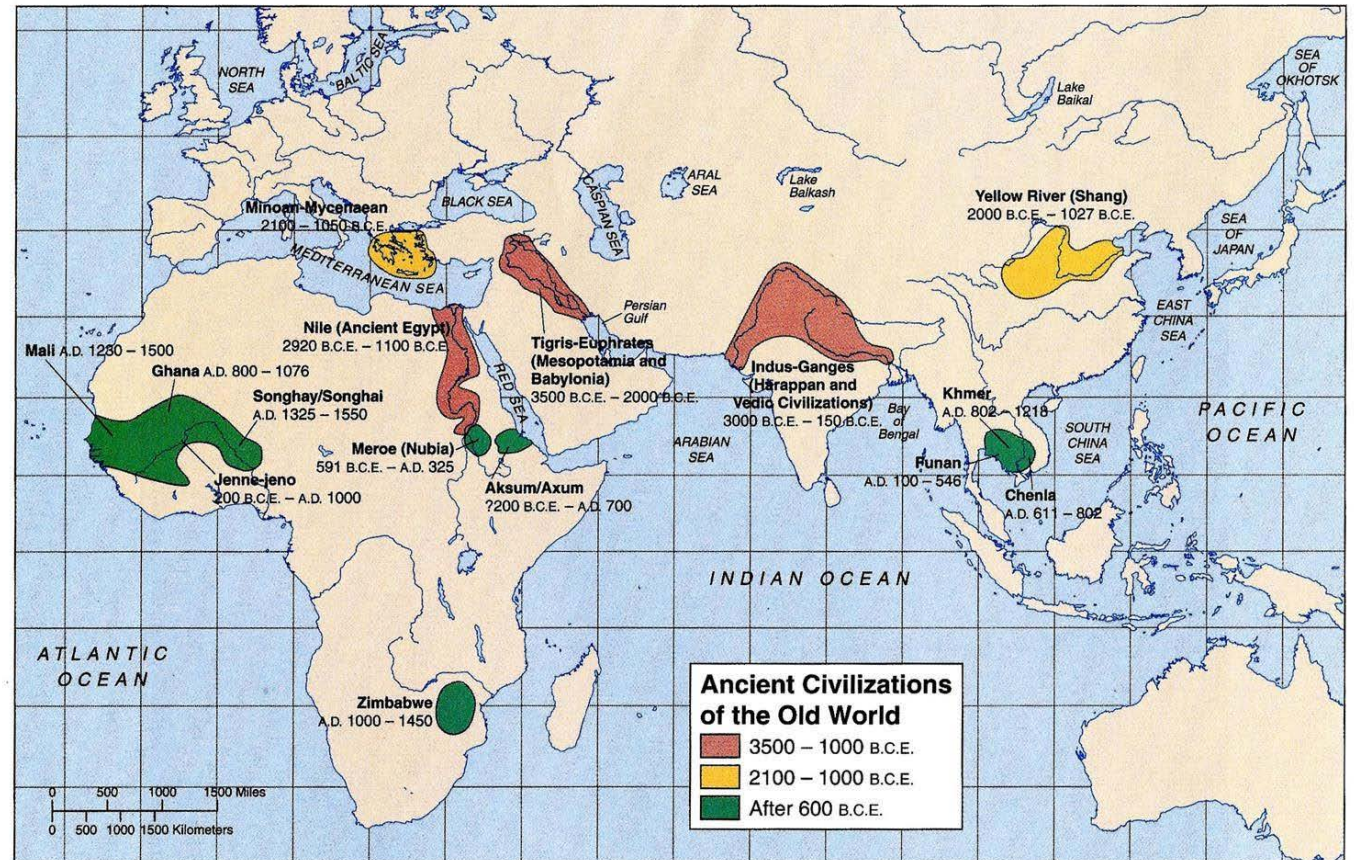


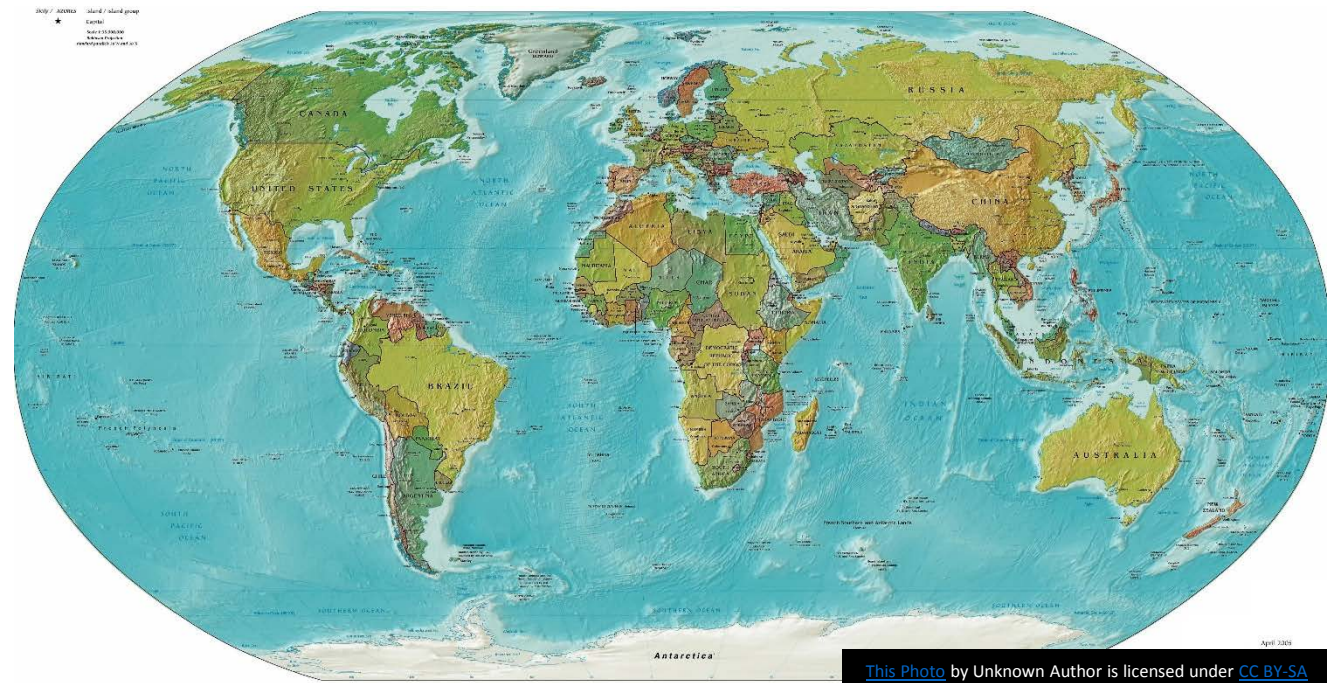
Aim: How did geography affect the development of early civilizations?

## Ancient Civilizations of the Old World



# Do Now:

- Choose any place in the world where you would want to live.
- Give 3 reasons for this choice.

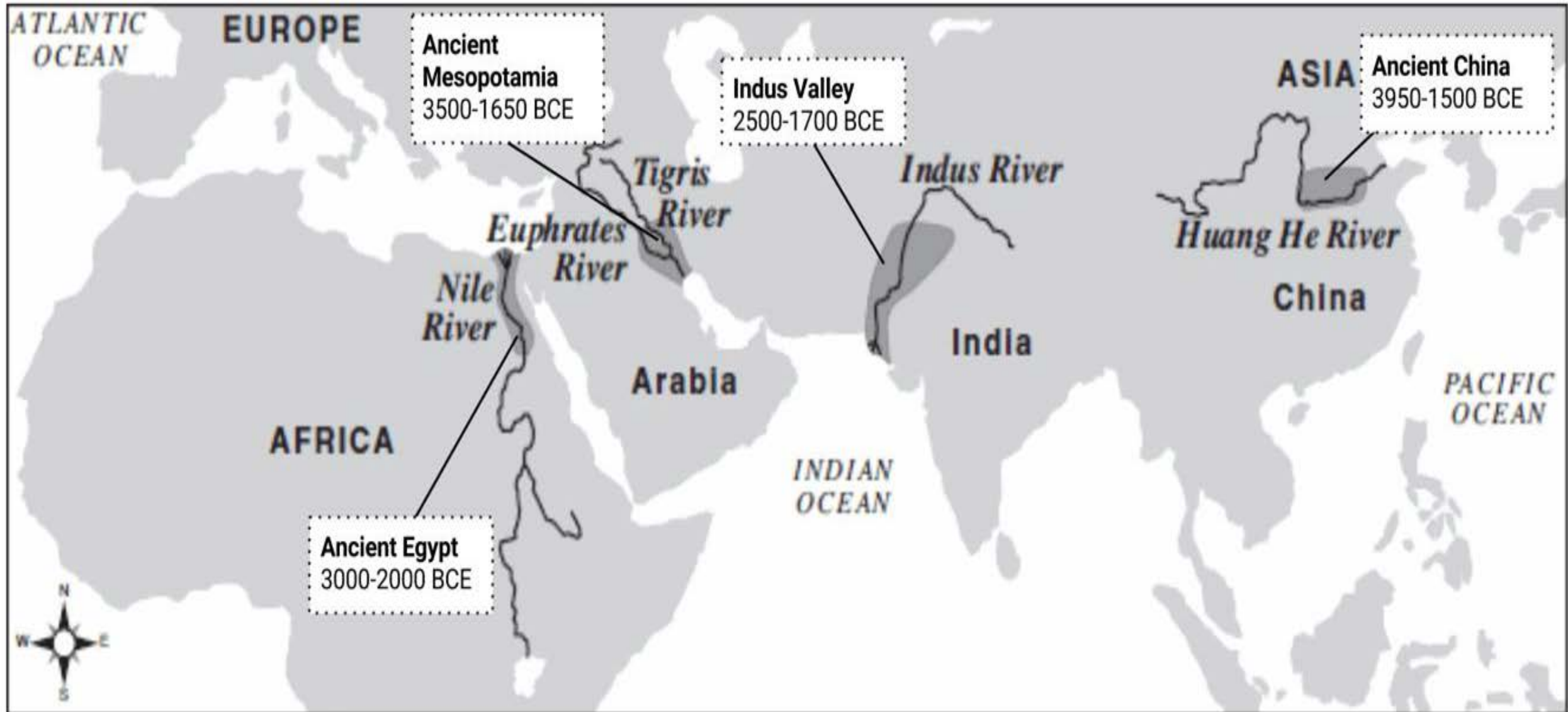


- Why do people choose to live where they do?

Lets go back  
5,000 years  
ago, based on  
this map where  
did people  
choose to live?



# EARLY RIVER VALLEY CIVILIZATIONS



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- The first civilizations in human history which were located in river valleys.
  - Mesopotamia - Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
  - Egypt - Nile River
  - Indus Valley - Indus River
  - China - Huang He River

# Rivers

## Positive

- Food source
- Water source
- Transportation and travel
  - Cultural diffusion
- Irrigation – water source for crops

## Negative

- Flooding
- Invasion/Attack

# Irrigation

the act of supplying water to land or crops



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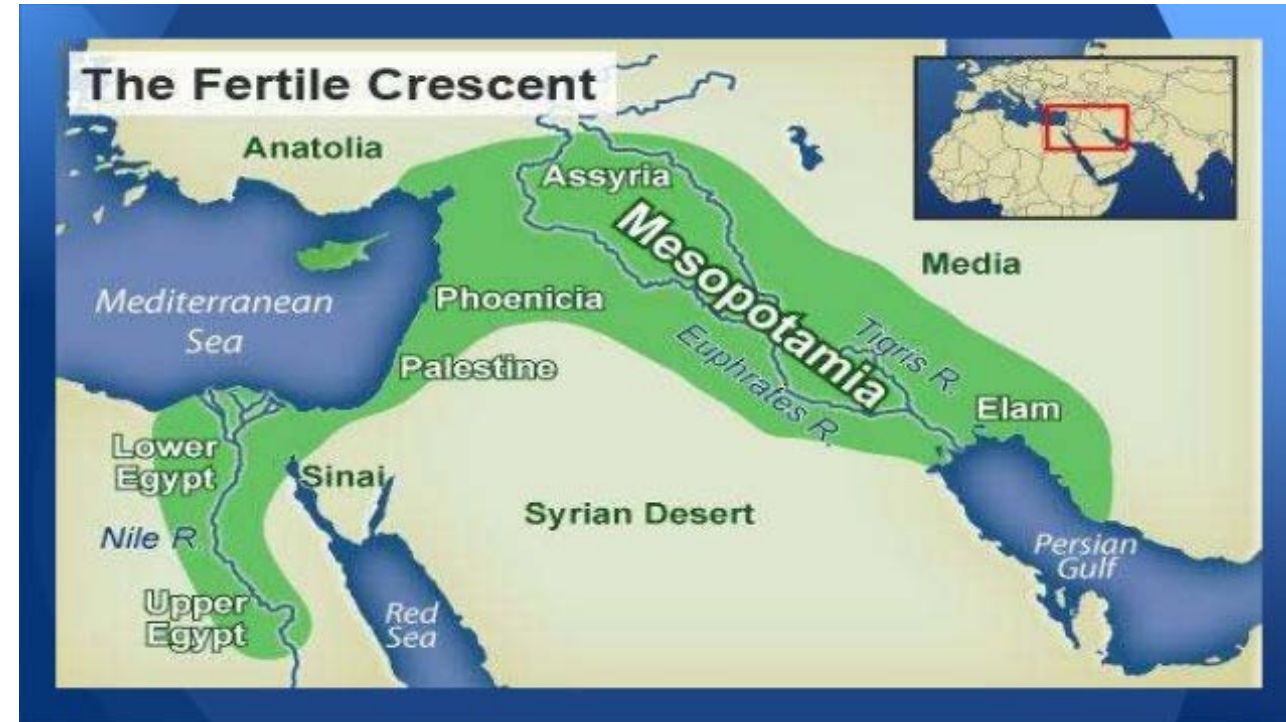
- Land between the rivers - Tigris and Euphrates



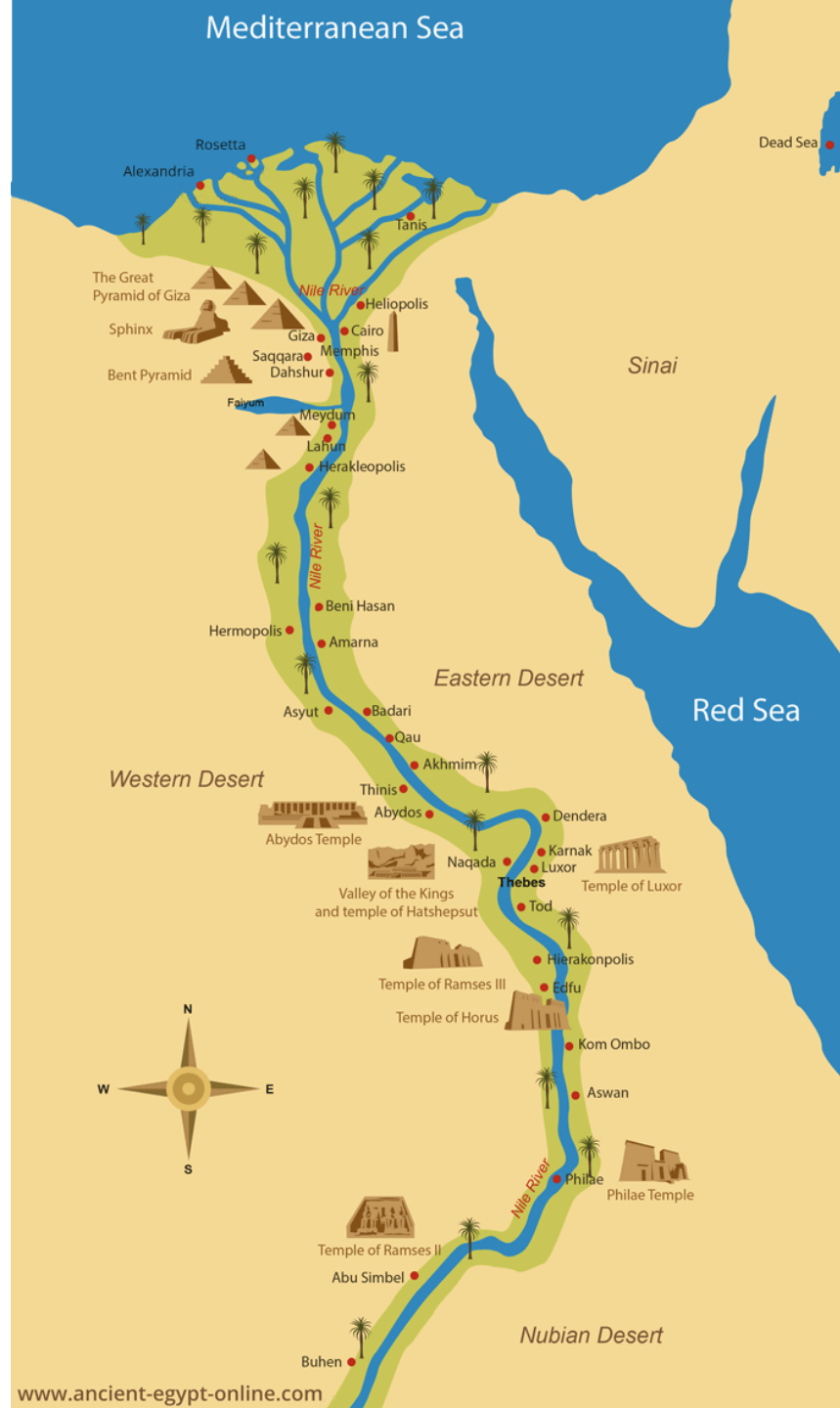


# FERTILE CRESCENT

- An arc of rich farmland in the Middle East.
  - Mesopotamia
  - Ancient Egypt
- Known as the "Cradle of Civilization"







# Ur

- City in Sumer made up of 30,000 people that was a high sophisticated civilization
- Social classes: Rulers/Priests held great power, wealthy merchants from trade, artists/artisans
- Large irrigation systems, food surpluses, thriving economy, and government officials to make sure the civilization runs smoothly.
- Bronze weapons for defense, thriving trade focus on bartering.
- Barter: trading goods for other goods instead of money.
- Religion: Large temples and rituals dealing with after life.

- What environments are necessary for agricultural development?
- Where did the first agricultural civilizations start?



