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Geography & Early Civilizations Packet

Ancient Sumer:

1. What are the main physical geographic features of the region based on the map.

- Rivers: _____
- Mountain Ranges: _____
- Deserts: _____
- Seas or Oceans: _____
- Other: _____

2. What physical features may have limited the expansion of early Fertile Crescent Civilizations? Why?

3. How did the Tigris & Euphrates Rivers impact the development of Ancient Sumer?

4. How did Sumerians use the natural resources around them to build cities?

Ancient Egypt:

1. What are the main physical geographic features of the region based on the map.

- Rivers: _____
- Mountain Ranges: _____
- Deserts: _____
- Seas or Oceans: _____
- Other: _____

2. What physical features may have limited the expansion of the Ancient Egyptian civilization? Why?

3. How did the yearly flood influence life in ancient Egypt?

4. Write a definition in your own words for the following vocab terms.

- Cataract: _____

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- Delta: _____

5. How did the Nile River influence the government & economics of ancient Egypt?

Ancient India:

1. What are the main physical geographic features of the region based on the map.

- Rivers: _____
- Mountain Ranges: _____
- Deserts: _____
- Seas or Oceans: _____
- Other: _____

2. What physical features may have limited the expansion of the early Indus Valley Civilization? Why?

3. Write a definition in your own words for the following vocab terms.

- Plateau: _____
- Monsoons: _____

4. What natural features defined the regions of the Indus Valley Civilization?

5. How have monsoons shaped Indian life?

Ancient China:

1. What are the main physical geographic features of the region based on the map.

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- Deserts: _____
- Seas or Oceans: _____
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2. What physical features may have limited contact outside of China?

3. As the Chinese empire began to expand, what regions did the empire come to include? How did geography shape these regions?

4. Write a definition in your own words for the following vocab terms.

- Loess: _____

5. In what different ways did people live in ancient China and how was this influenced by the geography of the region?

Ancient Greece:

1. What are the main physical geographic features of the region based on the map.

- Rivers: _____
- Mountain Ranges: _____
- Deserts: _____
- Seas or Oceans: _____
- Other: _____

2. What physical features may have created obstacles to political unity in Ancient Greece?

3. Greeks did not create a large empire like other ancient civilizations? What political structure did they develop instead? How was this influenced by the geography of the region?

4. Write a definition in your own words for the following vocab terms.

- Polis: _____

5. What benefits did living by the sea provide? How did the sea contribute to Greek commerce and trade?
