

Handout 2: Setting the Stage with Maps:

Name: _____ Class Period: _____

Part 1: Brainstorm Questions:

1. What are some landforms in your hometown?
2. How does geography affect life where you live?
3. How might geography shape a place?
4. How might geography relate to the locations where early civilizations developed?

Part 2: Labeling and Captioning Maps of Early Empires of China and India and the Roman Empire

Start by labeling the cities, bodies of water, mountains deserts, provinces, countries, and continents listed below. Then write captions for the *italicized* items that describe their significance and impact on the early empires.

Part 4: Create a key for each of the early empires on the world map. Then lightly shade their territories on the map so you can see them in relation to each other.

Part 5: Look at all of the maps when you are finished. Try answering these brainstorm questions again, this time, in context of what you have mapped.

1. How might geography shape a place?
2. How might geography affect life where one lives?

3. What were the most obvious similarities and difference between these maps and those you examined in the first activity?

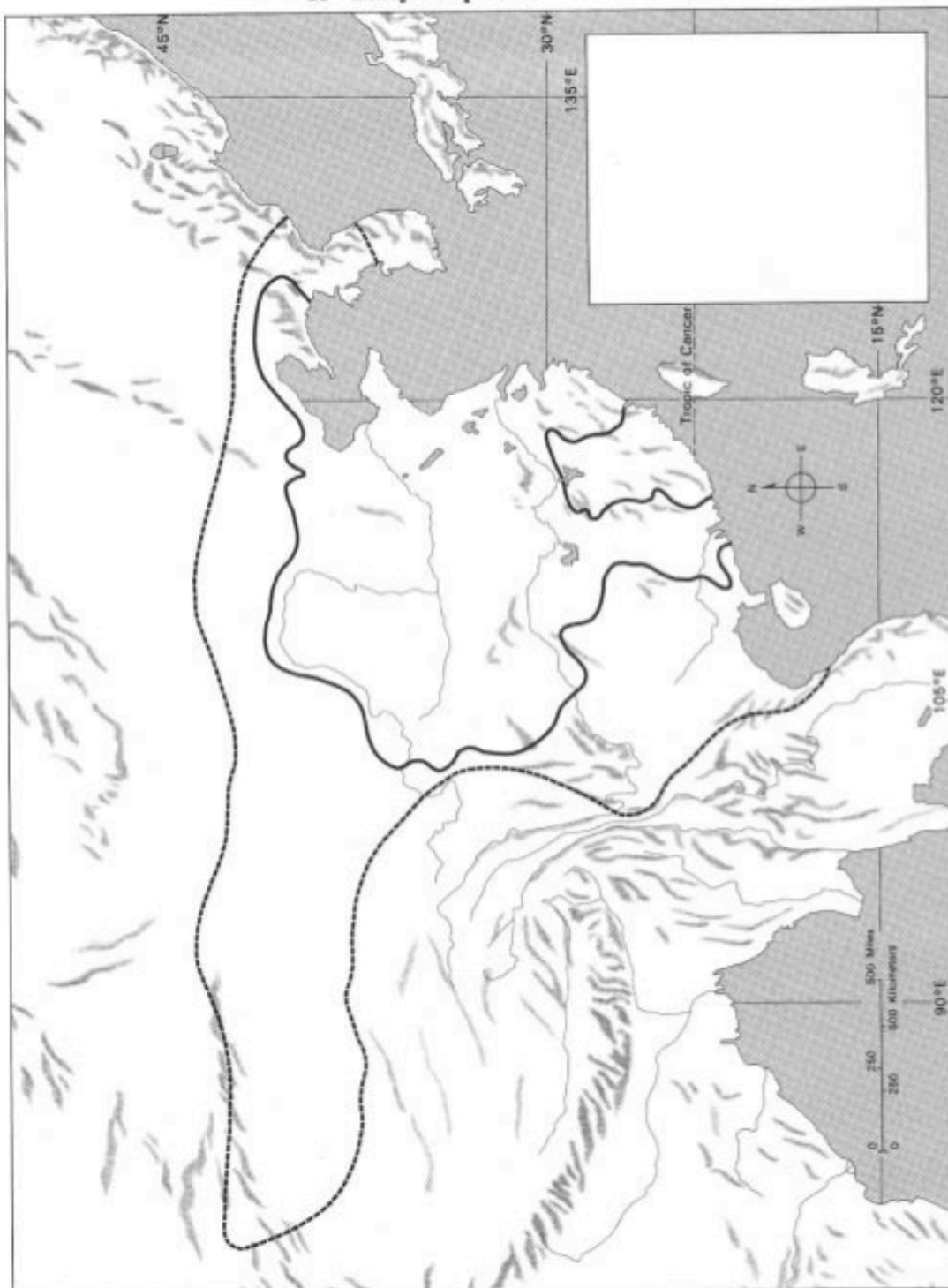
4. Why should we study the geography and history of places and peoples of the past?

Early Empires of China	Early Empires of India	The Roman Empire
Label: <i>Huang He (Yellow River)</i> <i>Chang Jiang (Yangtze River)</i> <i>Himalayas (mountains)</i> <i>Gobi Desert</i> <i>Himalayas</i> Taklamakan Desert Tibetan Plateau (Zhu Jiang) Pearl River Pacific Ocean North China Plain	Label: <i>Indus (river)</i> Ganges (river) Brahmaputra (river) <i>Himalayas</i> Indian Ocean Thar Desert Bay of Bengal Deccan Plateau Eastern Ghats Western Ghats Khyber Pass <i>Harappa</i> <i>Mohenjo-Daro</i> <i>Kalinga</i>	Label: Africa Asia Europa Rome Pompeii Brindisi <i>Carthage</i> <i>Alexandria</i> Appenines (mountains) Alps (mountains) <i>Mt. Vesuvius (volcano)</i> <i>Mt. Etna (volcano)</i> Tiber (river) Rubicon (river) Atlantic (ocean) Mediterranean (sea) Black (sea) Caspian (sea) Adriatic (sea) Tyrrhenian (sea) Ionian (sea)
Terms to include in captions: Loess Staple crops Grassland Arable land	Terms to include in captions: Subcontinent Peninsula Monsoons	Terms to include in captions: Plains Uplands Volcanoes Earthquakes

Terracing Irrigation	Semiarid Subsistence farming Mines Flood plains	
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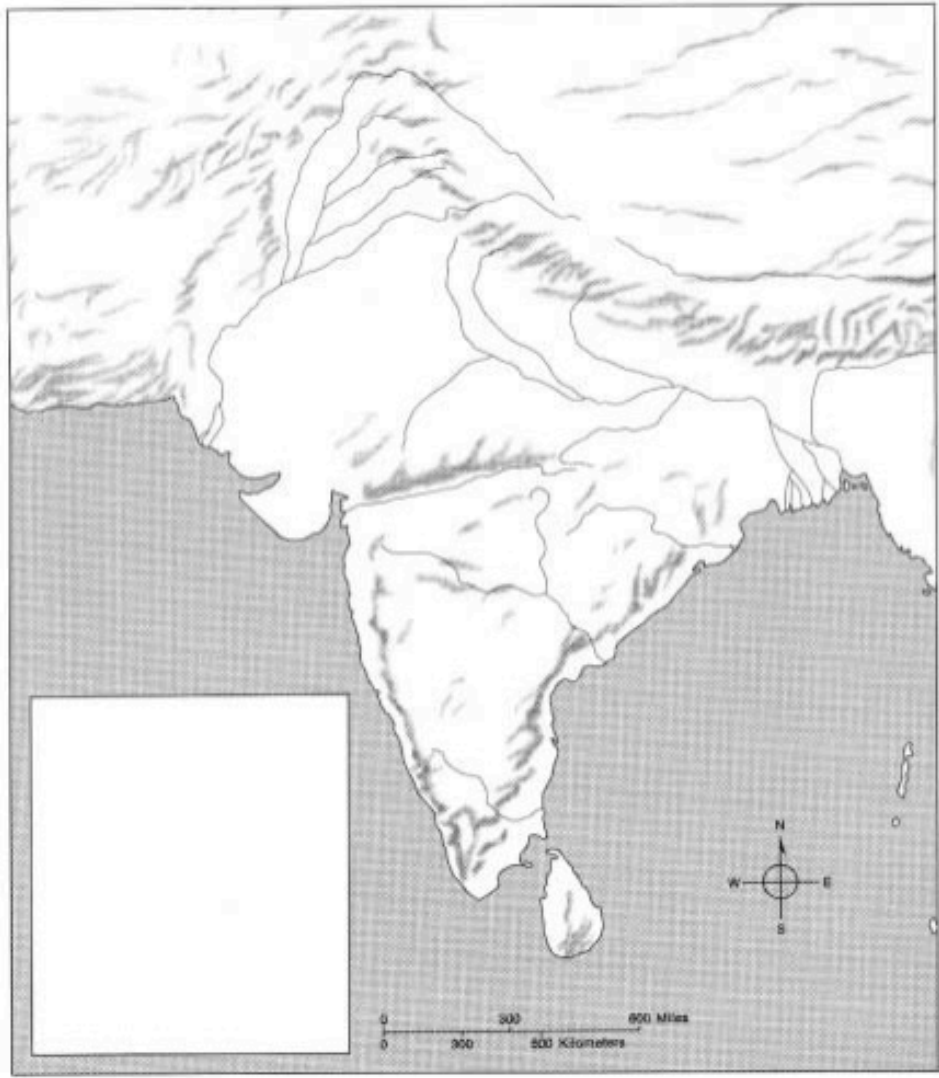
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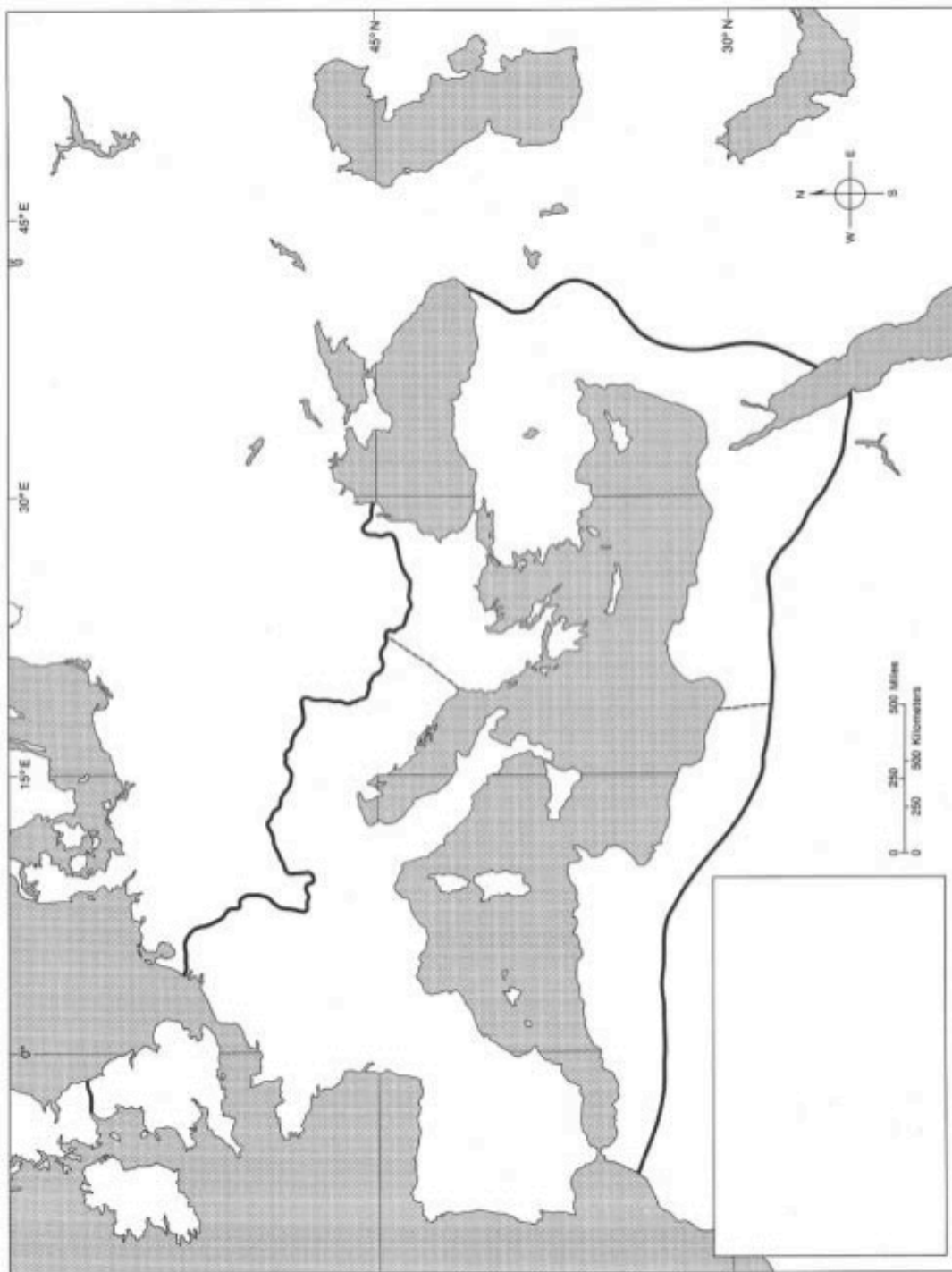
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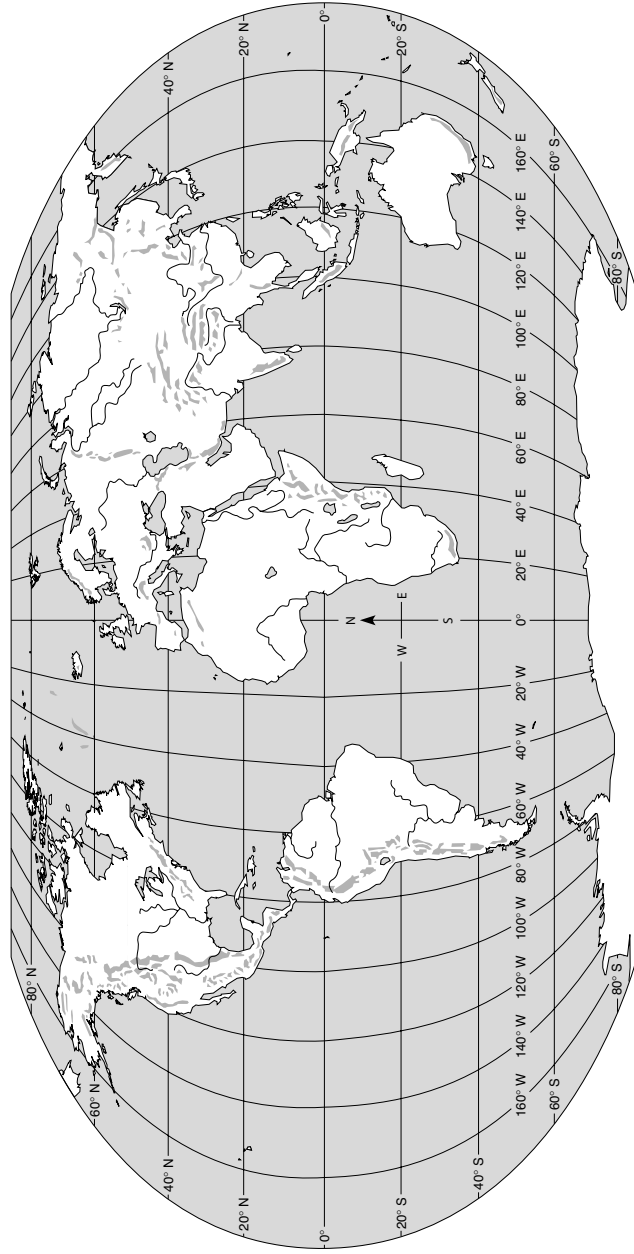
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11 Roman Empire to 500 A.D.





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