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***Study Guide for Geography Test***

1. Name the 5 Themes of Geography and give a brief description of each.

**Location-** Where is it located?

**Place-** What are the human and physical characteristics of the place?

**HEI-** How do the humans and environment impact each other?

**Region-** What are the similar characteristics of this place and other places?

**Movement-** How do people, goods, and ideas get from one place to another?

1. What two rivers flowed through Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent? Tigris and Euphrates
2. Why is the Mesopotamian region also called the Fertile Crescent? It is in the area of the world known as the Fertile Crescent because this area has very fertile farmland and is in the shape of a crescent extending from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea.
3. What ancient civilization lived around the Nile River?  Egypt Why did the Nile River flow upward toward Lower Egypt? The Nile starts in the south in the Ethiopian highlands and flows downward toward the Mediterranean Sea.
4. What common natural barriers helped isolate Ancient Egypt as well as ancient China and protect both civilizations from attacks?  The deserts!! People don’t want to walk through deserts and the conditions are so harsh most wouldn’t survive.
5. What mountain range has the tallest mountain in the world? Himalayas Which two ancient civilizations were impacted by this mountain range? Indus Valley and China
6. What physical feature had the greatest impact on the development of ancient civilizations? Why? This is your opinion!

However, a good answer would be… I think the rivers had the greatest impact on civilizations because they brought fresh water to the civilization, they watered the crops, and they brought good sediment/silt to the lands which provided great farmland in those areas.

1. What physical feature dominates Greece’s landscape and makes it difficult to farm? Mountains and hills
2. What was the main landform the Incas lived on? Andes Mountains

What was the main landform the Mayan lived on? peninsula

What was the main landform the Aztecs lived on? Man-made island in a lake

1. What ancient civilization used terraced farming? Incas Why was this civilization able to terrace farm so well? The Incas were smart to figure out how to use stone to create the terraces which would heat up and hold heat throughout the day and then let the heat out at night to keep plant roots from freezing. They also figured out how to irrigate the terraces so that there was plenty of water to provide to all the farmland.
2. Which river had predictable yearly flooding and was considered a “gift”? Nile (the gift of the Nile)
3. Why were the rivers considered the “life blood” of the river civilizations? River provided water for drinking and farming and without the benefits of the rivers, the river civilizations would not have been able to survive.

**\*\*\*\* Be able to identify the following\*\*\*\***

1. You should be able to label the 4 river civilizations on a world map. (Pay attention to the area of the world each settled in.)
2. You should be able to identify on a map any of the civilizations we discussed. For example, know the difference between Italy and Rome.
3. You should be able to name the rivers that were important to the development of the 4 river civilizations.

Map Skills required:

* Interpret or analyze information provided in a map key
* Pinpoint locations using a Compass Rose