

UNIT 2

Ancient Egypt and the Middle East

Geography Challenge

Chapter 7: Geography and the Early Settlement of Egypt, Kush, and Canaan

How did geography affect early settlement in Egypt, Kush, and Canaan?

Chapter 8: The Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs

What did the pharaohs of ancient Egypt accomplish, and how did they do it?

Chapter 9: Daily Life in Ancient Egypt

How did social class affect daily life in ancient Egypt?

Chapter 10: The Kingdom of Kush

In what ways did location influence the history of Kush?

Chapter 11: The Origins of Judaism

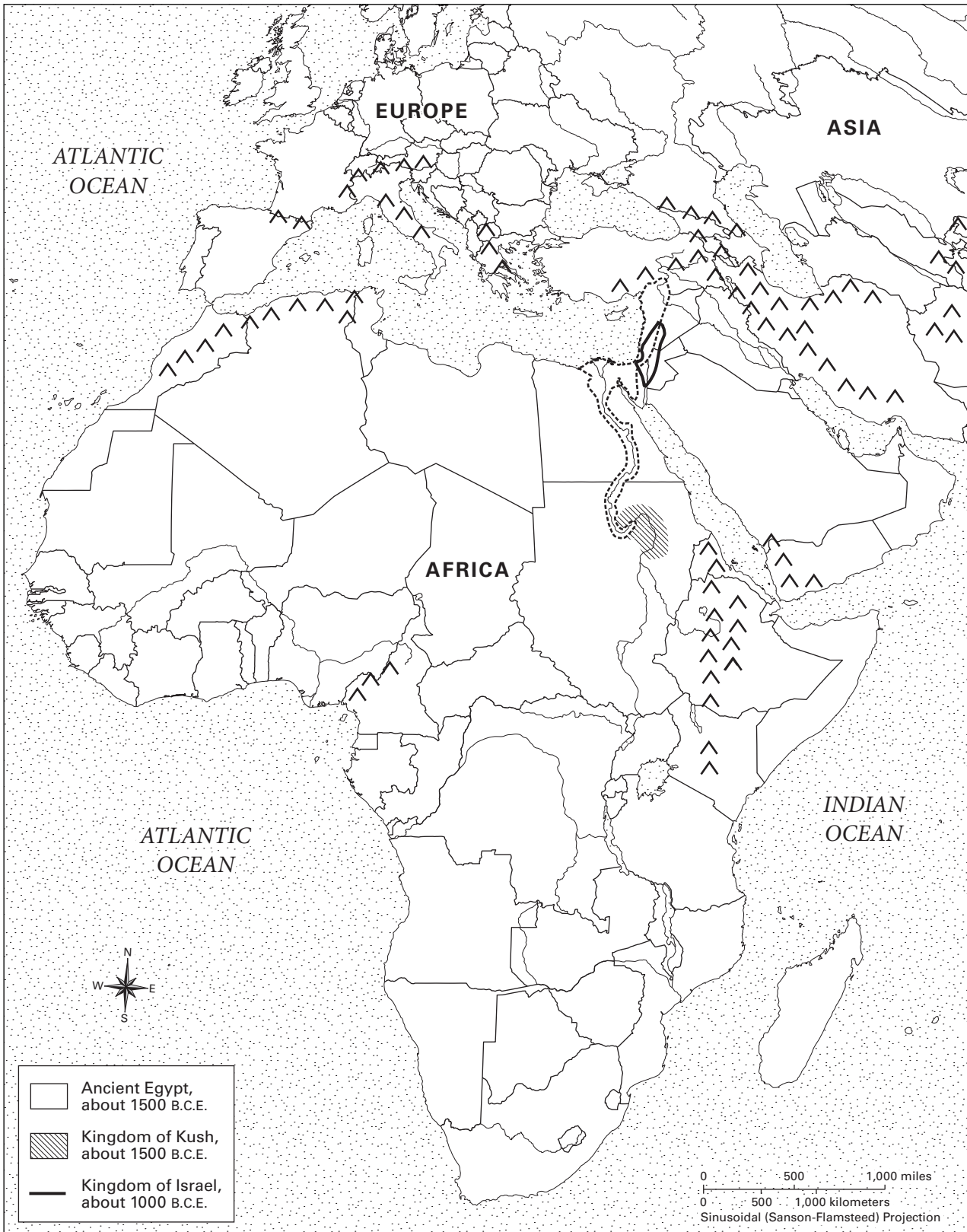
How did Judaism originate and develop?

Chapter 12: Learning About World Religions: Judaism

What were the central teachings of Judaism, and why did they survive to modern day?

Timeline Challenge

Ancient Egypt, Kush, and Israel



Geography Skills

Analyze the maps in “Setting the Stage” for Unit 2 in your book. Then answer the following questions and fill out the map as directed.

1. Locate the Arabian Peninsula on the outline map. Label it. The Arabian Peninsula is part of which continent?
2. Locate ancient Egypt on the map in the Unit 2 “Setting the Stage” in your book. Shade it on the outline map and key. Egypt is part of which continent?
3. Locate the Nile River and the Nile River delta on your map. Label them.
4. Four large bodies of water touch the shores of the Arabian Peninsula. Locate these bodies of water and label them on your map.
5. Locate the kingdom of Israel. Label it on your map. Then locate the kingdom of Kush. Label it on your map.
6. Locate the two deserts that surrounded much of ancient Egypt. Label them on your map.
7. What are the two major vegetation zones in both ancient Egypt and the Middle East?
8. What do the boundaries of ancient Israel tell about its size compared with that of ancient Egypt? Compared with that of ancient Kush?

Critical Thinking

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

9. Considering the environmental factor of vegetation, why do you think civilization on the African continent began in Egypt, rather than farther west, in central North Africa?

10. What do the locations of deserts, rivers, and seas on this map tell us about where early people were likely to settle?

11. The kingdom of Kush was an important trading center in Africa. Why might its location explain this fact?

12. Ancient Egypt and the Arabian Peninsula have very few mountains. Most of the land is flat, with some low hills in places. How might the geography have influenced what ancient people did to make their living?

13. While most people who lived in ancient Egypt and the Middle East avoided settling in nearby deserts, those regions protected them from their enemies. Why do you think this was true?

14. Ancient Egyptians worshiped the Nile River as a god. Why do you think they did so?

Geography and the Early Settlement of Egypt, Kush, and Canaan

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How did geography affect early settlement in Egypt, Kush, and Canaan?

PREVIEW

The environmental factors of an area affect people's choices about where to settle. These factors might include bodies of water, landforms, plant life, and weather.

Examine the landscape drawing that your teacher is displaying. Identify at least three environmental factors that might affect your choice of where to settle. For each factor, explain why it is important. For example, you might write, *The river would provide food and fresh water for my settlement.*

Environmental Factor 1:

Environmental Factor 2:

Environmental Factor 3

READING NOTES

Key Content Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

topography

Nile River

Kush

Canaan

vegetation

Egypt

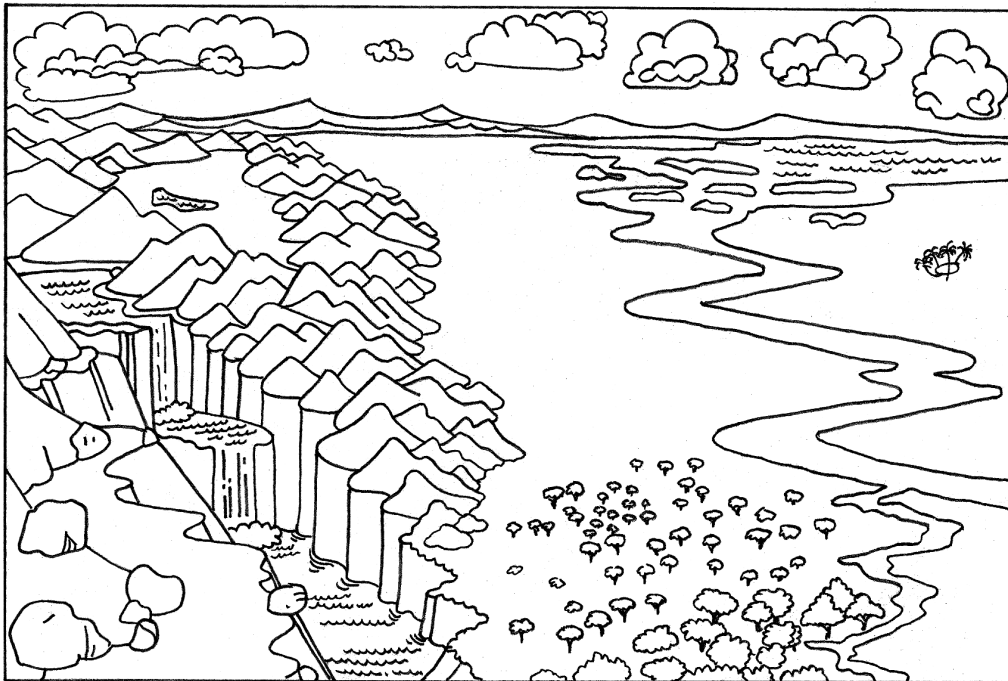
Mediterranean Sea

Jordan River

Section 7.2

Use the landscape drawing below to complete the following:

1. How did water affect people's choices of where to settle? On or near an appropriate place on the drawing, write three statements in *blue* that answer this question.
2. How did topography affect people's choices of where to settle? On or near an appropriate place on the drawing, write three statements in *brown* that answer this question.
3. How did vegetation affect people's choices of where to settle? On or near an appropriate place on the drawing, write three statements in *green* that answer this question.



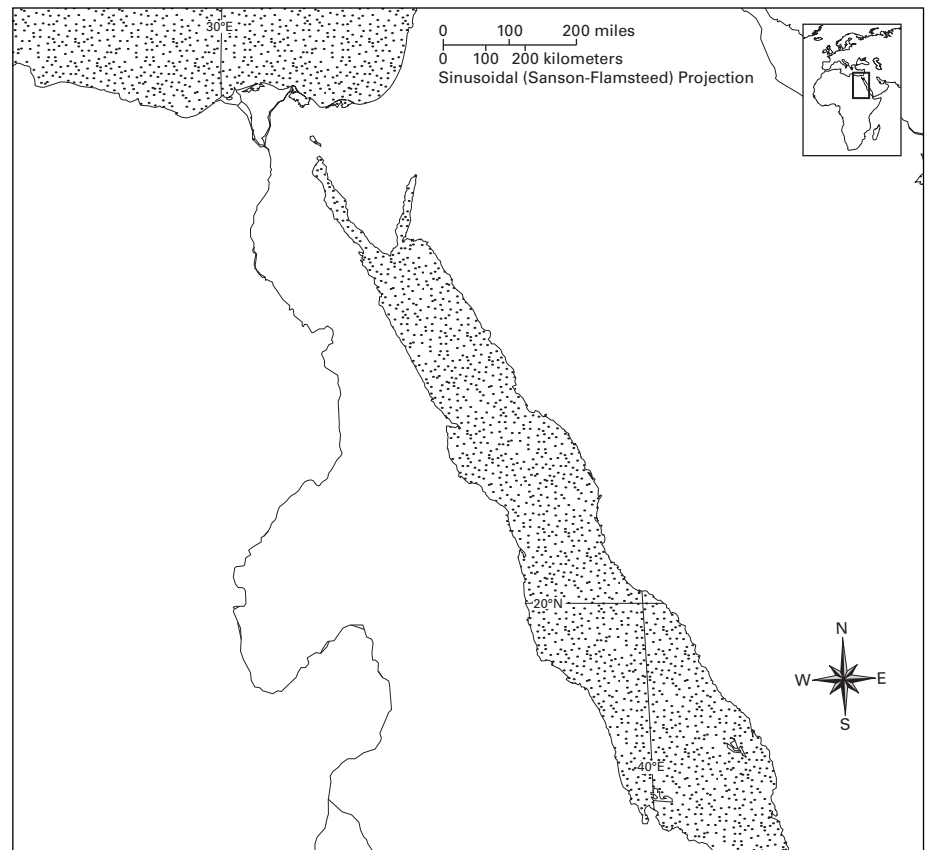
Section 7.3

After reading Section 7.3 and examining the map in this section in *History Alive! The Ancient World*, follow these steps:

1. Label these physical features on the map below:

- Mediterranean Sea
- Red Sea
- Nile River
- Arabian Desert
- Libyan Desert
- Nubian Desert

Ancient Egypt and Kush



2. Draw the letter *H* or another simple symbol in all the places on the map where human settlements were located in this region.
3. Write a paragraph that answers this question: *How did geography affect people's choices of where to settle in ancient Egypt and Kush?* Use and underline at least five words or phrases from the Word Bank.

Word Bank

water
 topography
 vegetation
 Mediterranean Sea
 Red Sea
 Nile River
 Arabian Desert
 Libyan Desert
 Nubian Desert

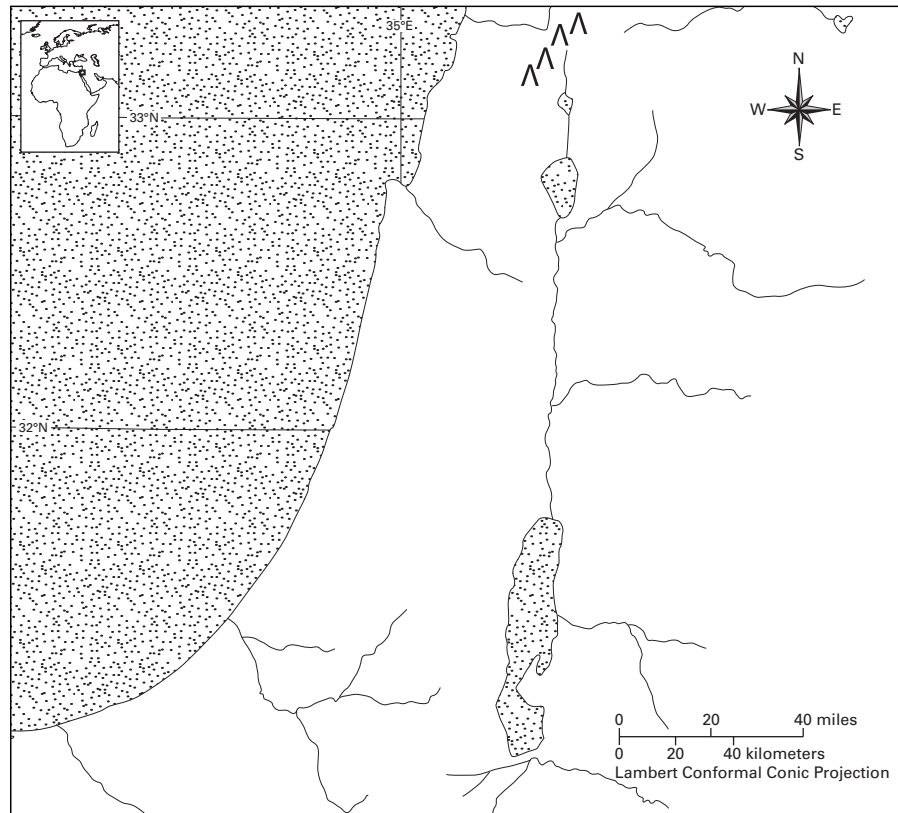
Section 7.4

After reading Section 7.4 and examining the map in this section in *History Alive! The Ancient World*, follow these steps:

1. Label these physical features on the map below:

- Mediterranean Sea
- Sea of Galilee
- Dead Sea
- Jordan River
- Lebanon Mountains
- Negev Desert
- Syrian Desert

Ancient Canaan



2. Draw the letter *H* or another simple symbol in all the places on the map where human settlements were located in this region.
3. Write a paragraph that answers this question: *How did geography affect people's choices of where to settle in ancient Canaan?* Use and underline at least five words or phrases from the Word Bank.

Word Bank

- water
- topography
- vegetation
- Mediterranean Sea
- Sea of Galilee
- Dead Sea
- Jordan River
- Lebanon Mountains
- Negev Desert
- Syrian Desert
- nomad

P R O C E S S I N G

On a separate sheet of paper, draw a simple map of the state where you live. Your map should include the following:

- labels for three or more important physical features (bodies of water and landforms) in your state
- shading on the areas containing vegetation that is best suited for human settlement
- the letter “H” or another simple symbol to show the most likely locations of the first human settlements

After you have completed your map, write a short paragraph to answer this question: *How did geography affect early settlement in your state?* Your answer should include the names of at least two of the important physical features of your state, and at least two of these terms: *water, topography, vegetation.*

