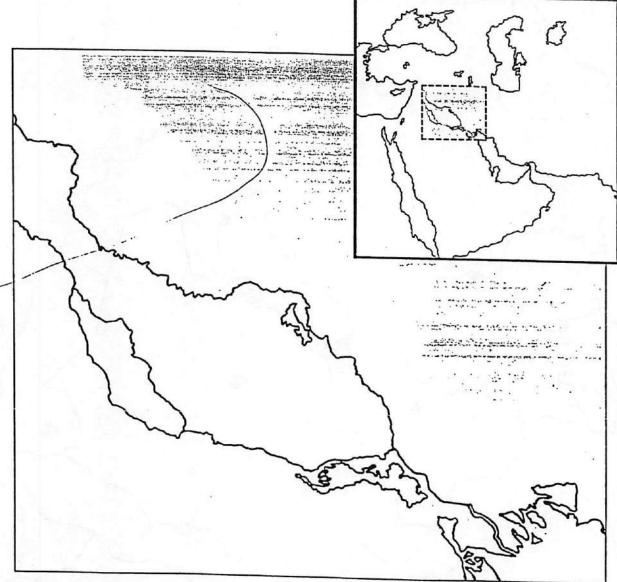


Locate Ancient Mesopotamia

Name



Label these places on the map.

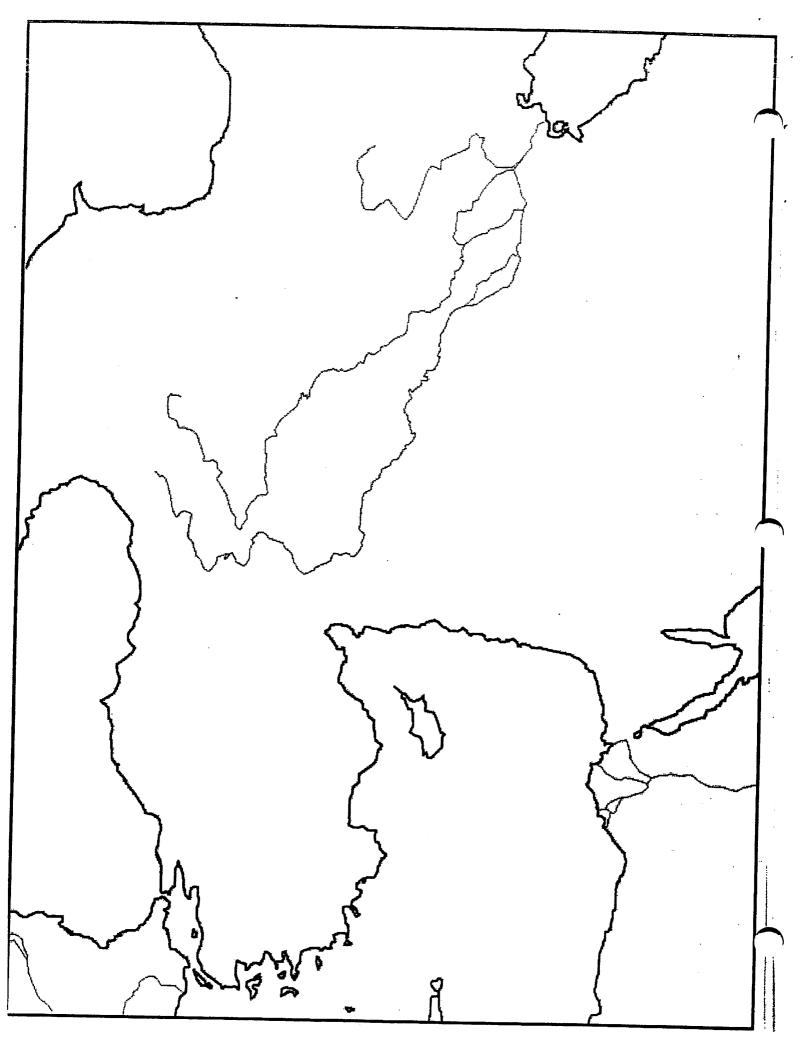
- Tigris River
- Euphrates River
- Zagros Mountains
- Persian Gulf

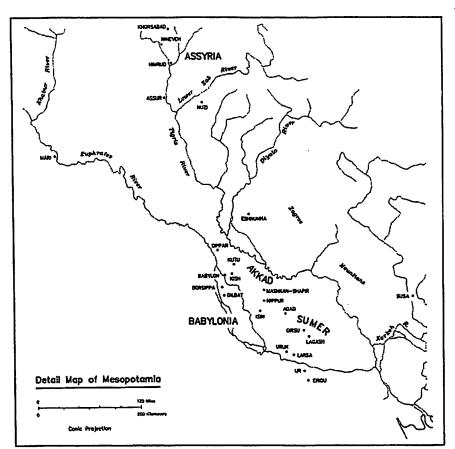
- Indian Ocean
- Caspian Sea
- Black Sea
- Mediterranean Sea
- Red Sea

- Ur
- Eridu
- Nippur
- Lagash
- Adab
- Kish

- Babylon
- Erech

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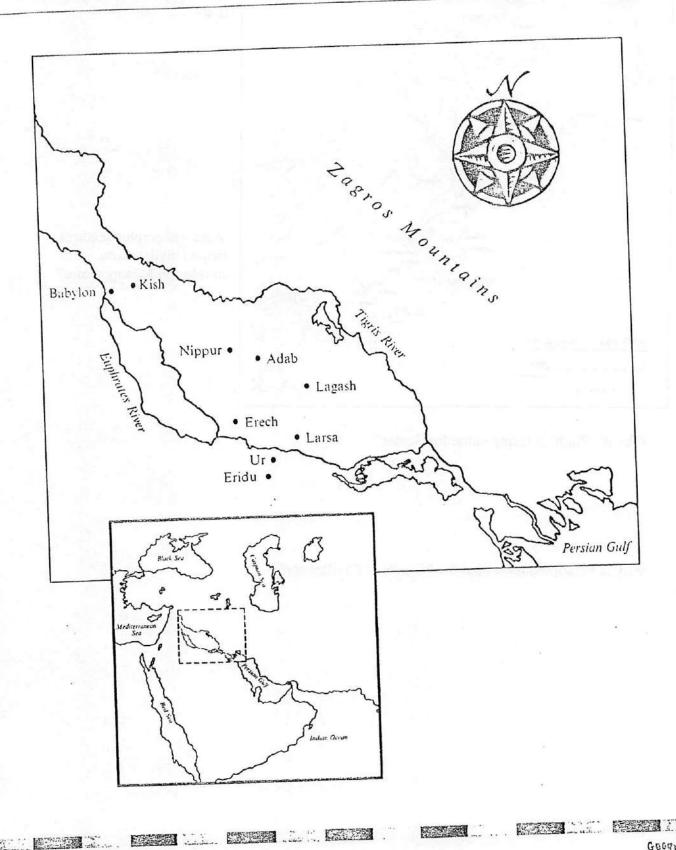


Why did civilizations develop in Mesopotamia first?

What geographic features helped civilizations develop in Mesopotamia?

Why is "Plain" a fitting name for Sumer?

Why is Mesopotamia called the "Cradle of Civilization"?



Themes of Geography

Name

Below is a brief definition of the five themes of geography. After reviewing them, consult a map of ancient Mesopotamia and complete the questions that follow.

The Five Themes of Geography	
Location:	absolute location, latitude and longitude
Place:	relative location, the physical and cultural characteristics of a location
Region:	similar human and physical characteristics of a geographic area
Movement:	methods of transportation and communication, trading of goods and services
Interaction:	the ways in which people influence their environment and the ways in which the environment influences people on a daily basis

- 1. What is the latitude and longitude of Mesopotamia?
- How would you describe the place in which Mesopotamia is located?
- 3. What do you think were methods of transportation in Mesopotamia?
- 4. What region of the world would you travel to in order to locate ancient Mesopotamia?
- 5. How did people interact with their environment during Mesopotamian times?
- 6. What are some differences in the topography of ancient Mesopotamia and modern day Iraq?