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Ancient India: Making a Map

CHALLENGE

GEOGRAPHY

You must create your own map of India in the box below. Use a pencil to draw the outline of the subcontinent and the surrounding areas. You must then draw in and label important physical features to the region. Use colored pencils to show the land's topography.

Physical Features:

Indian Ocean

Arabian Sea

Bay of Bengal

Indus River

Ganges River

Eastern / Western Ghats

Thar Desert

Hindu Kush

Himalayas (w/ Mount Everest)



Look at the map you have created. Where do you think people would most likely settle in India? Write your answer on the lines below. Your answer must include at least two sentences that support your choice as a good spot for a civilization to develop.

For each physical feature, following the following steps:

1. Read about the feature in the hand-outs provided for you
2. In the table below, enter the name of the feature
3. Write a brief description of the feature
4. In the appropriate place on the map, color and label the feature
5. Give a rating of the feature on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 meaning “unsuitable for settlement” and 5 meaning “very suitable for settlement” and enter the rating in the table below.

| Physical Feature | Description | Rating |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Indian Ocean | | |
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| Thar Desert | | |
| Arabian Sea | | |
| Ganges River | | |
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| Bay of Bengal | | |
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