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Geography

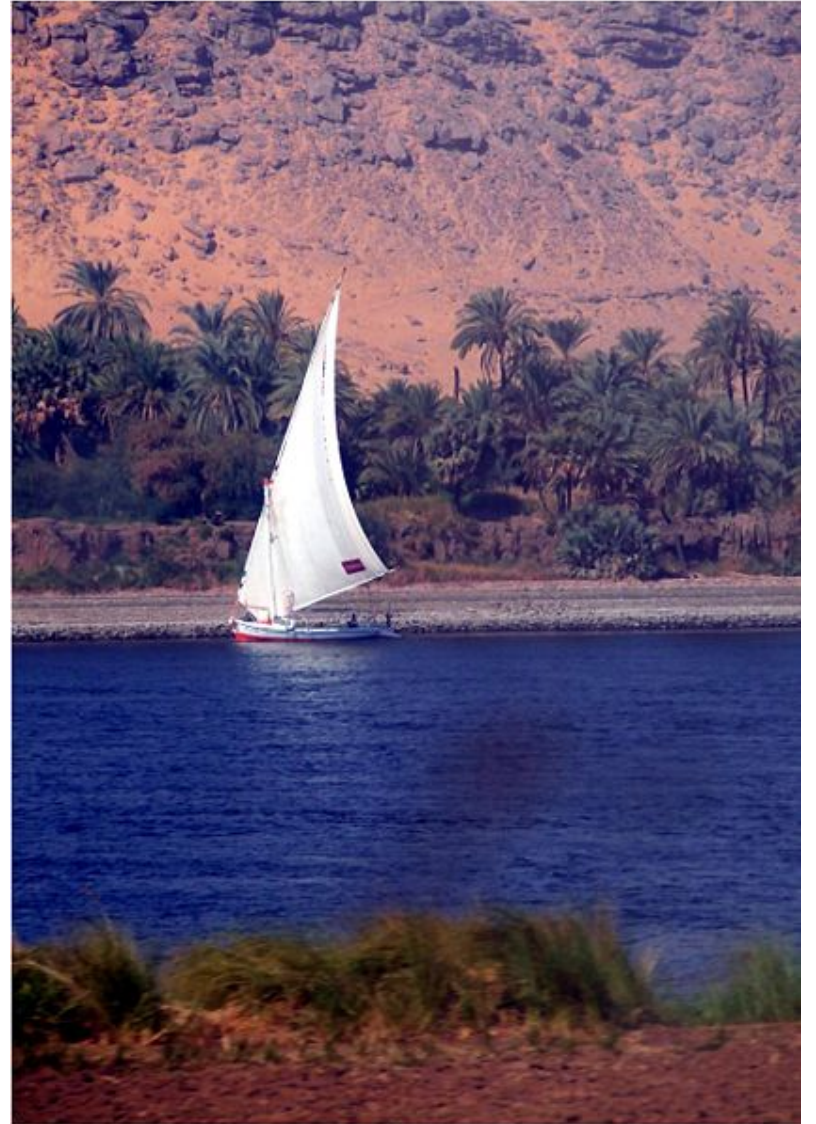
*How climate and
landscape affect lifestyle.*

**Is a civilization isolated,
or is it open to cultural
exchange and invasion?**

**What resources are
available for clothing,
building, and trade?**

Example: geography

Civilizations began along rivers like the Nile because they provided the water needed for irrigation.



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Religion

Society's beliefs about morals and the afterlife.

What are the rules you should live by?

How do these religious ideas affect different aspects of daily life?

Example: Religion



*The Ten
Commandments
are religious rules
that God gave to
the ancient
Hebrews.*

Achievements

The lasting works of a society.

A

What things were built to last?

Which ideas, if any, still affect our lives today?

Example: achievements



Millions of people still visit the pyramids in Egypt every year.

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Political system

Who runs a society, and how do they do it?

Who has power, and how is it used?

How do those with power keep it or lose it?

Example: Political system



A limited form of democracy was practiced in Athens.

E

Economics

How a society uses its scarce resources.

What are the most valuable resources in a society?

How are these resources distributed?

Example: economics



Gold has been a valuable resource in many civilizations for thousands of years.

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Social structure

The different levels or classes in a society.

Who are the “most important” people in society? What do they do?

Who’s at the bottom of the heap? Why?