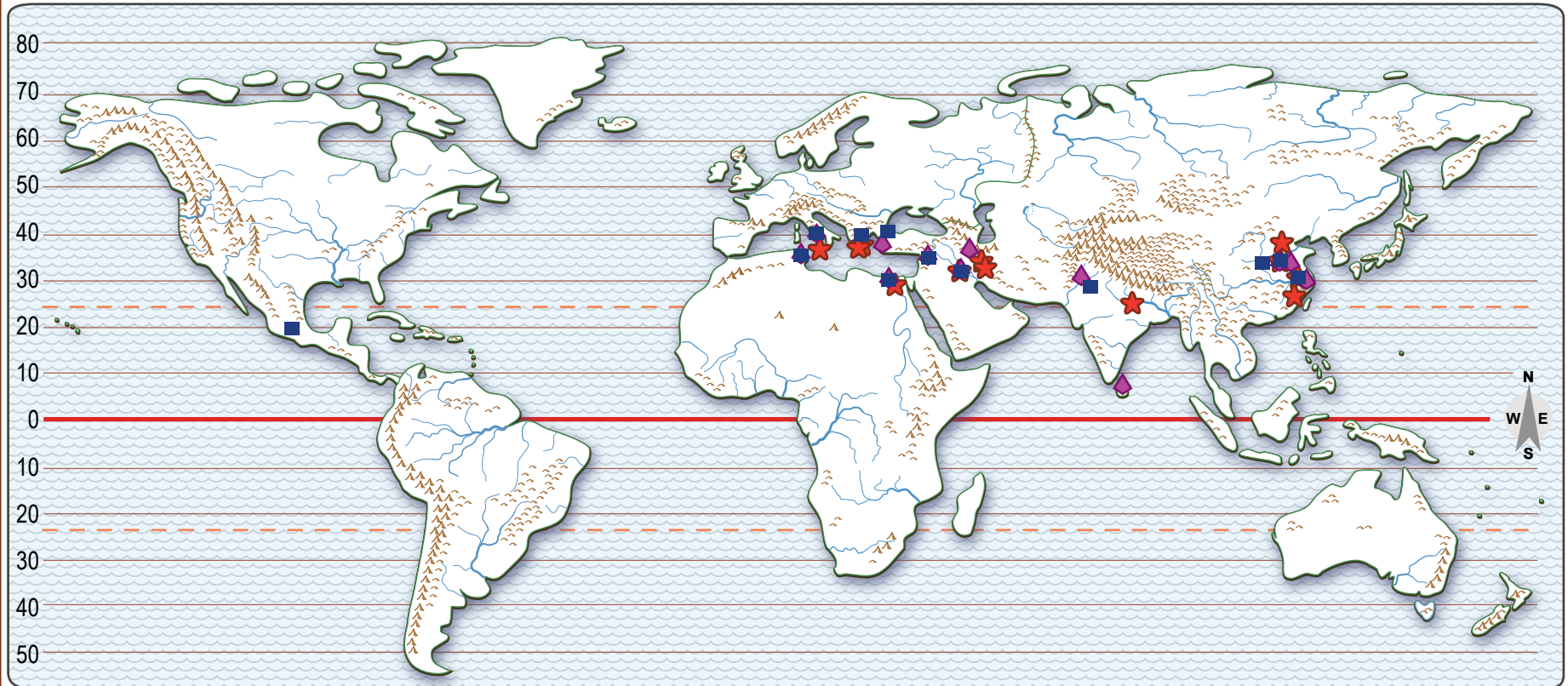# Geographic Pattern of Ancient Cities

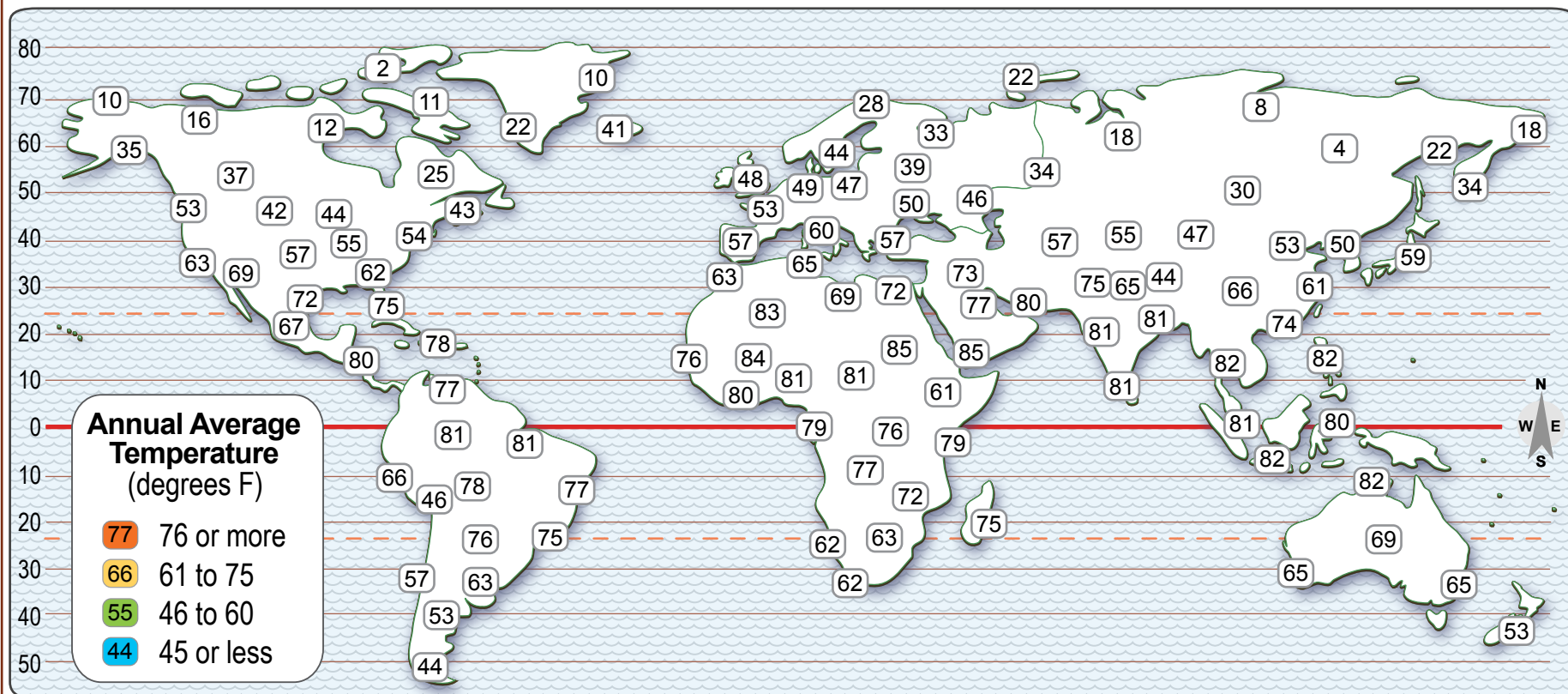## Top 12 Cities in the World in the Year 430 BCE ★   100 CE ◆   500 CE ■

The point symbols show the locations of the top 12 cities at three different times in history.

Looking at the geographic pattern of ancient cities can help us understand why people chose to live where they did.

This analysis can also help us see what environmental conditions may have been too difficult for ancient technology.

1. Draw a box around the large group of cities in East Asia - mostly in modern-day China.

2. Draw a box around a group of three cities, one in each time period, in South Asia (modern-day India).

3. Draw a box around the large group of cities around the Mediterranean Sea and in Southwest Asia.

4. Draw X's over the last two cities - one in modern-day Mexico and one on Sri Lanka, an island south of India.

5. Draw a "superbox" around the three groups. Which description of the geographic position of this box is incorrect?

_____ It is mostly in Eurasia, between the Tropic of Cancer and about 40 degrees north latitude.

_____ It is entirely in the eastern and northern hemispheres.

_____ It is mainly in the hot climates between the Equator and the Tropic of Cancer in the northern hemisphere.

Average Annual Temperature Around the World

Annual Average Temperature (degrees F)

- 77 — 76 or more
- 66 — 61 to 75
- 55 — 46 to 60
- 44 — 45 or less

The numbers in the boxes on this map show the annual average temperature at a number of places around the world.
Looking at the geographic pattern of temperature can help us understand many things - early human migration, the use of land in different parts of the world, and the location of cities at different times in history.

1. Find the hot places (annual average temperature of 76ºF or higher). Color their boxes orange or red.

2. Find the cold places (annual average temperature of 45ºF or lower). Color their boxes blue.

3. Color the in-between places green (or yellow and green, as shown in the map key)

4. Write a one-sentence description of the geographic pattern of each temperature group; note its latitude range.

The hot places _____

The cold places _____

The in-between places _____