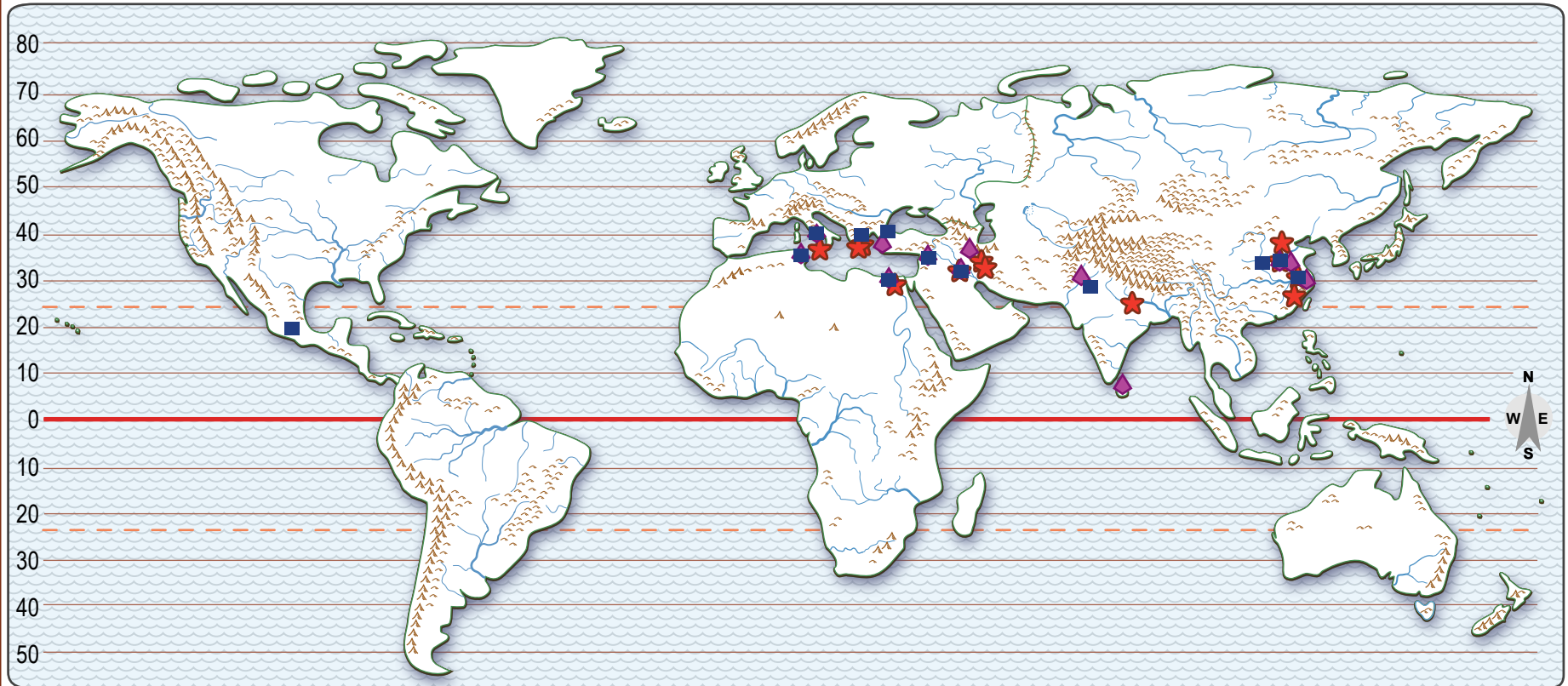


Geographic Pattern of Ancient Cities

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.