

What do you think of when you hear the term "MIDDLE EAST"?

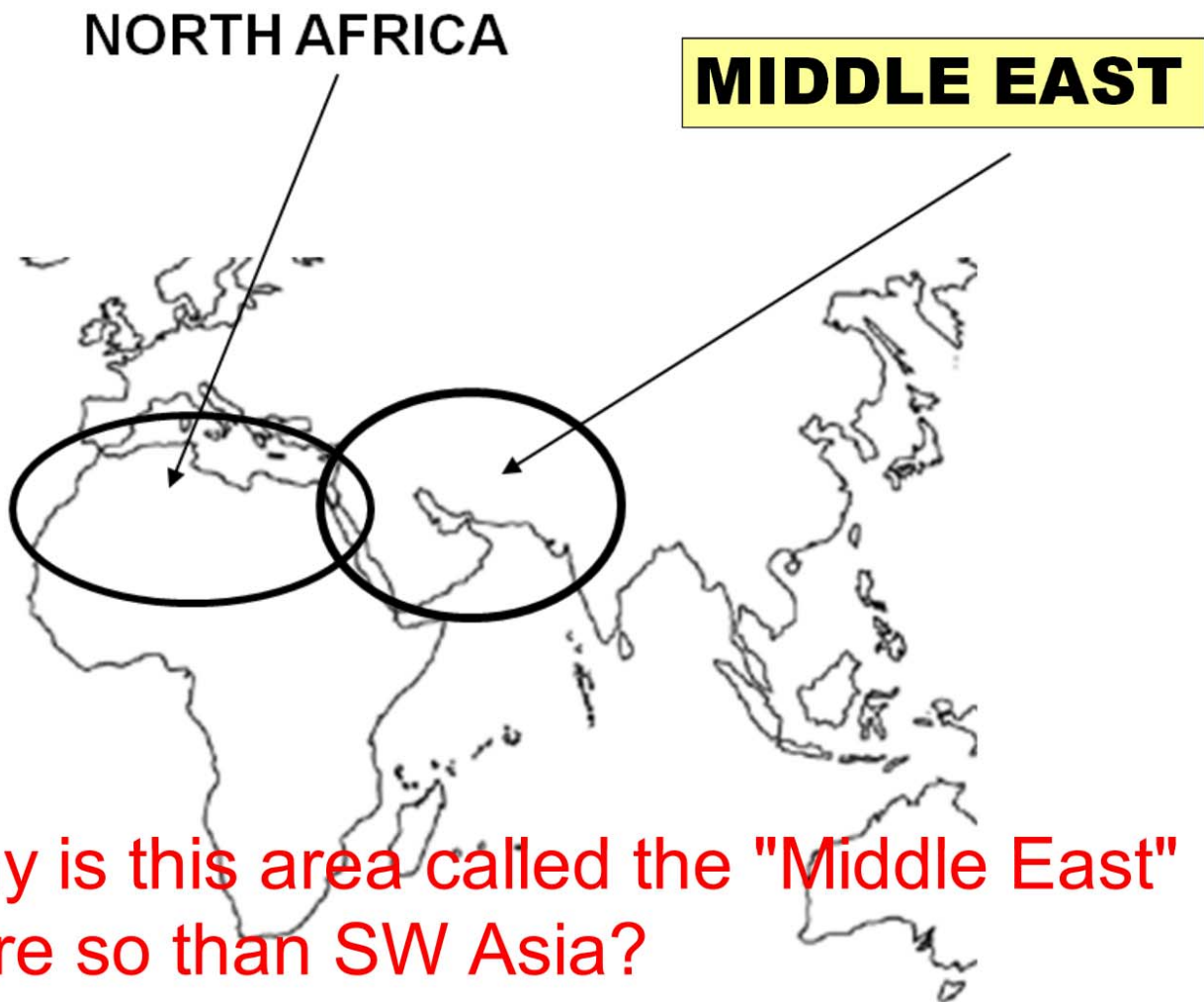


Unit Two: North Africa and South West Asia



Where in the world are we talking about?





NORTH AFRICA

MIDDLE EAST

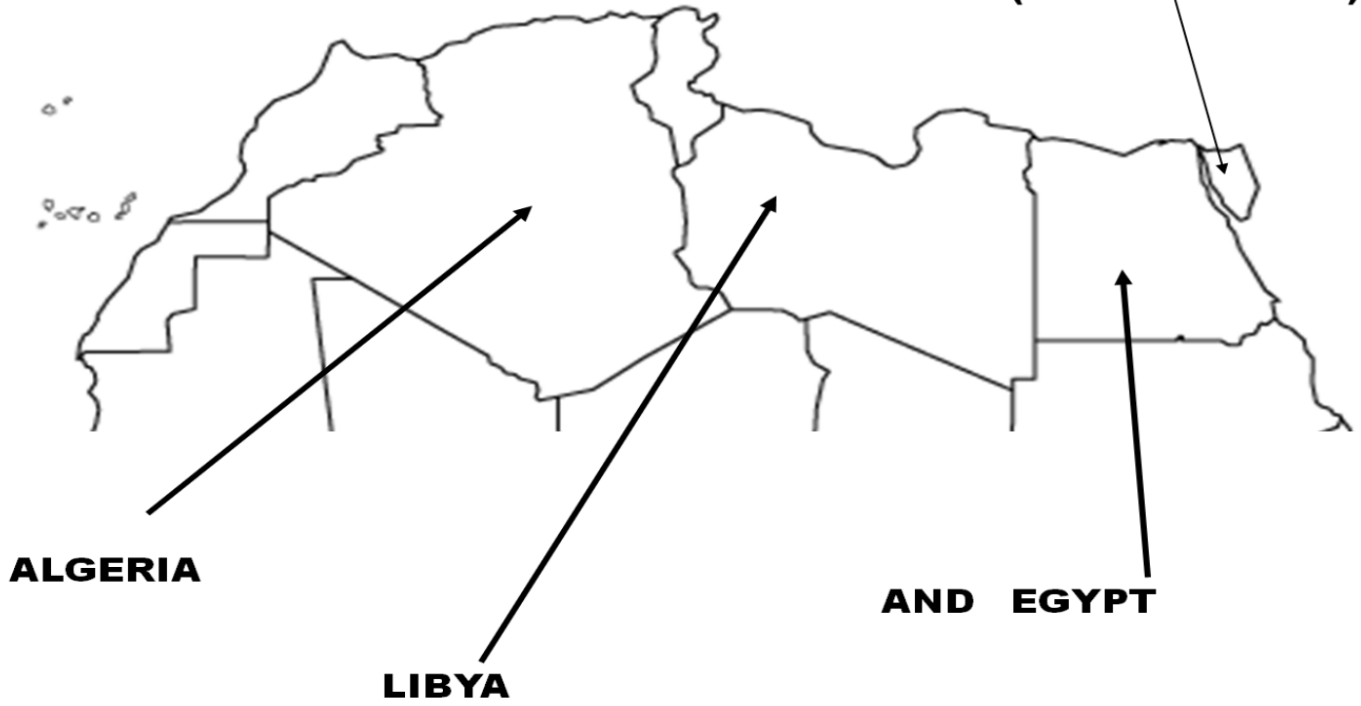
Why is this area called the "Middle East" more so than SW Asia?

SOME COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE:



SOME COUNTRIES IN NORTH AFRICA ARE

(Sinai Peninsula)



ALGERIA

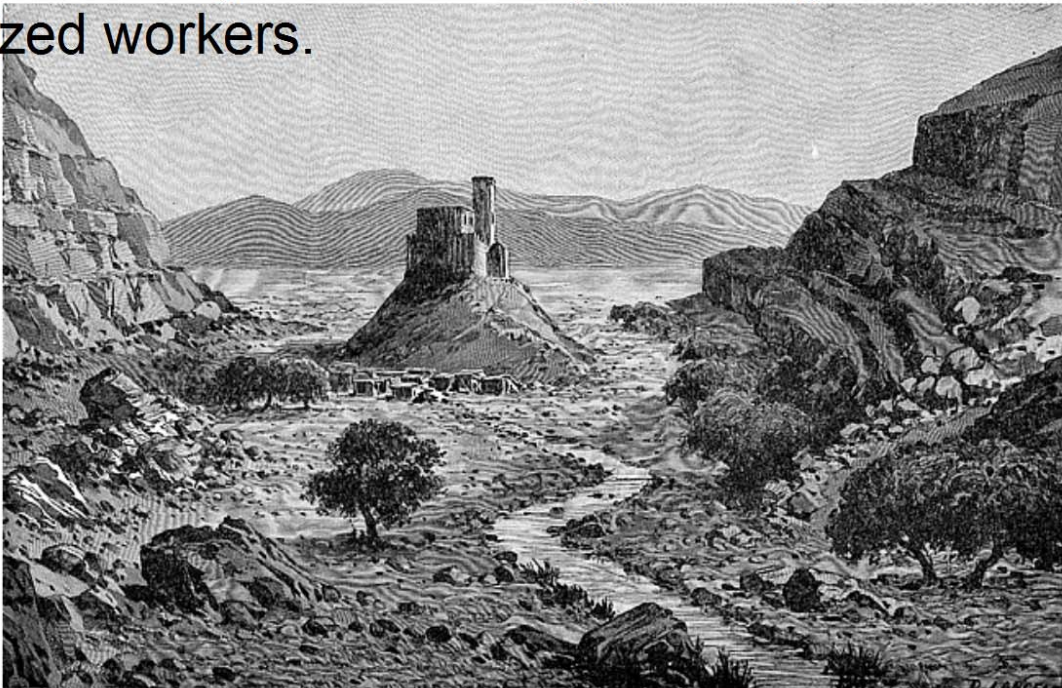
LIBYA

AND EGYPT

Exploring the earliest civilizations...

What is a **civilization**?

A culture that has reached a certain level of development that includes a system of writing, building cities, and specialized workers.

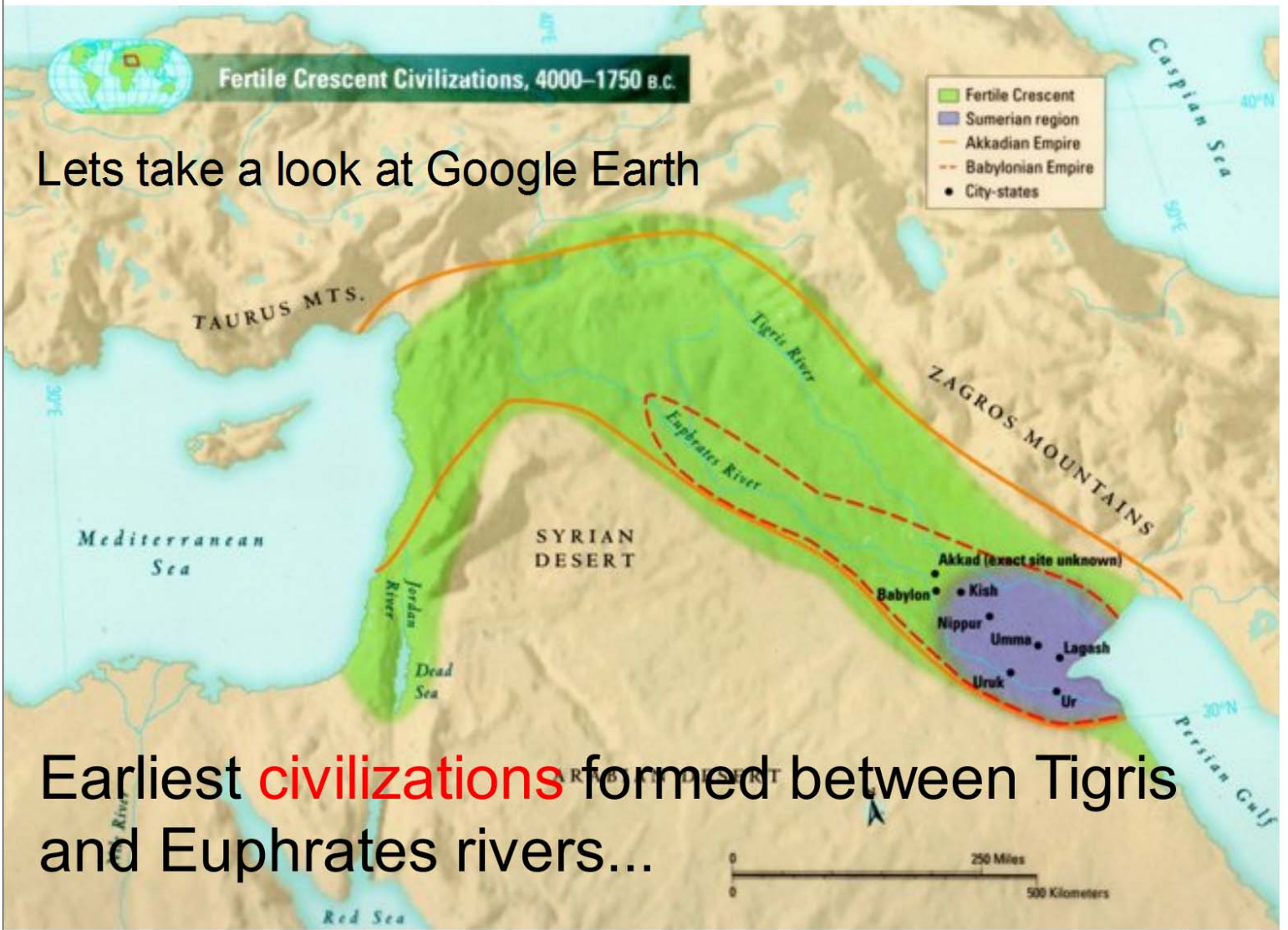




Fertile Crescent Civilizations, 4000–1750 B.C.

Lets take a look at Google Earth

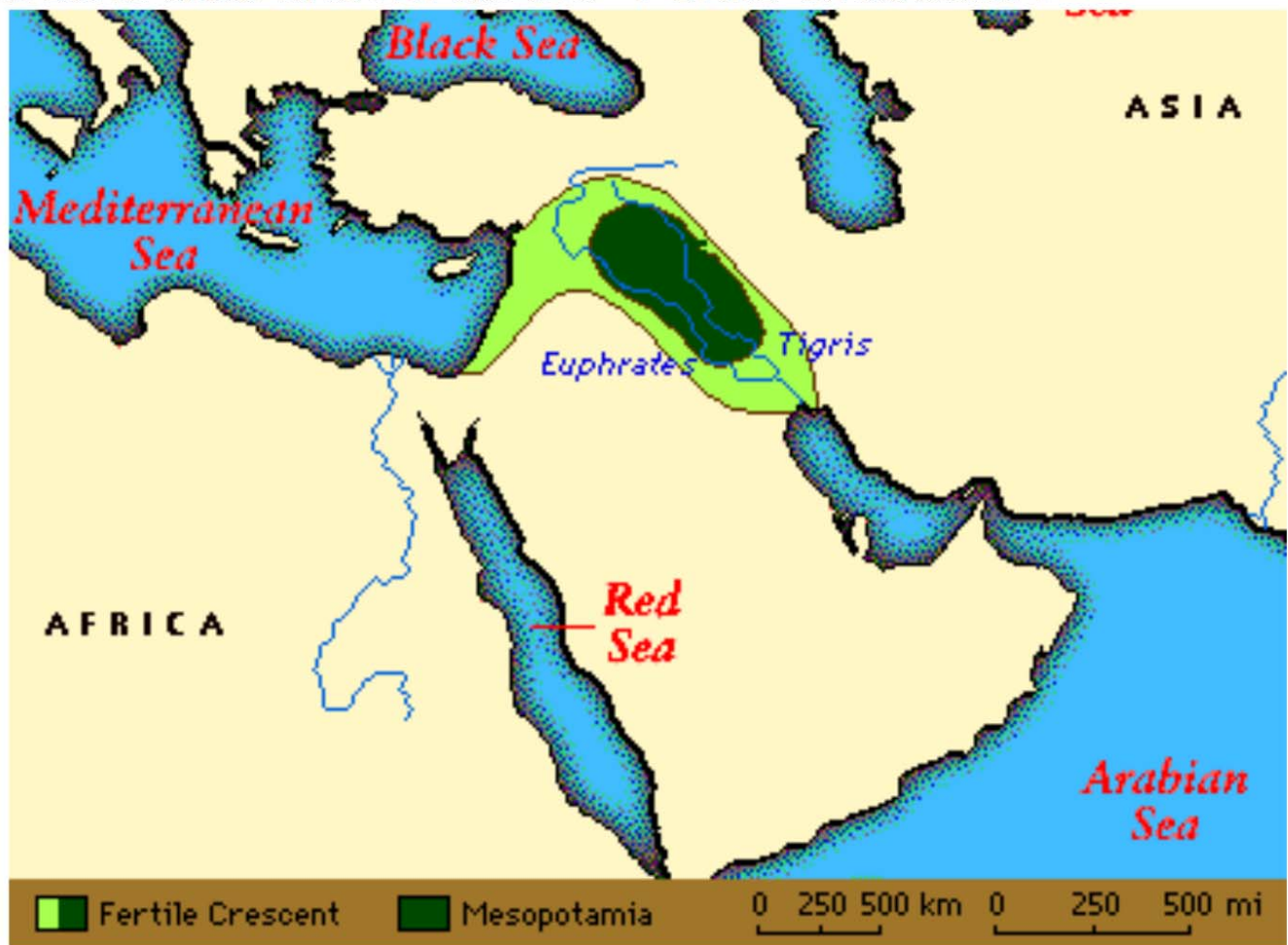
- Fertile Crescent
- Sumerian region
- Akkadian Empire
- Babylonian Empire
- City-states

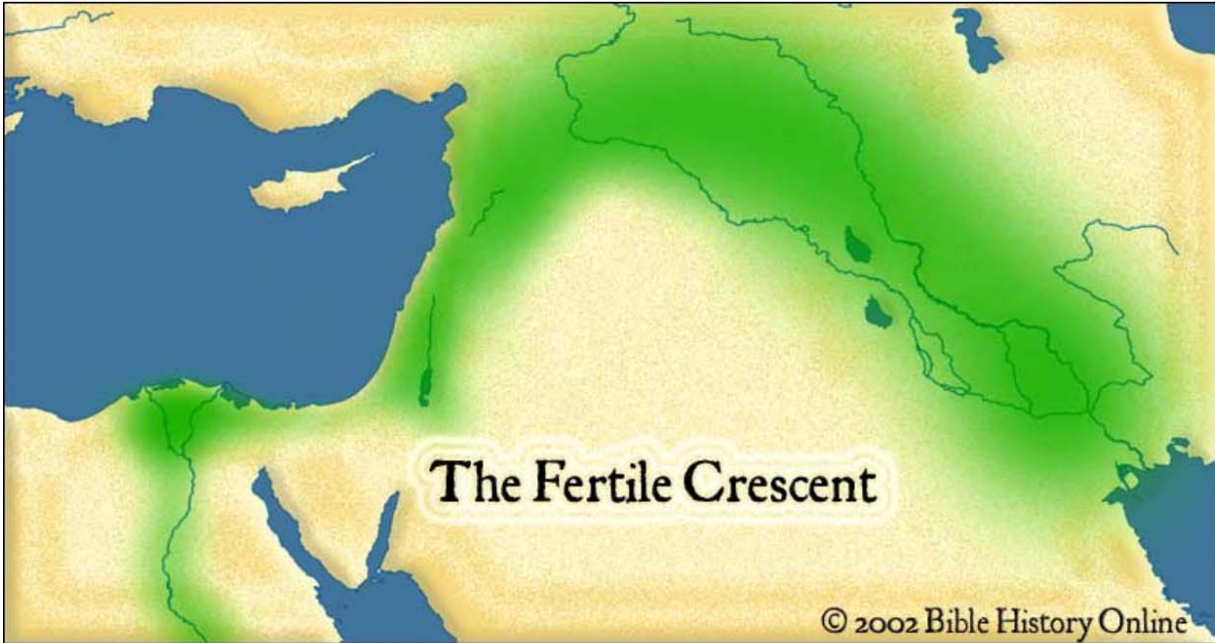


Earliest **civilizations** formed between Tigris and Euphrates rivers...

This area is called "**Mesopotamia**", meaning "between the rivers".

This area is also known as the "Fertile Crescent".





Fertile - good land for growing

Crescent ----->



Why is the ground fertile? (good for growing food)



Check for Understanding...

1. Our next unit is about what two areas of the world?
2. Why is SW Asia called "The Middle East"?
3. A civilization is...?
4. One of the oldest civilizations (Mesopotamia) falls between what two rivers?
5. Why is Mesopotamia called the "Fertile Crescent"?