

Geographic Luck Proof

ASSESSMENT

Name: _____

Your task is to compare the geographic luck of three civilizations to see if Jared Diamond's theory is true for those three regions. You will then write a thesis and method and use evidence to support that thesis.

Geographic Luck Theory: In order to advance as a civilization, a society must have:

- Useful Animals
- Useful Plants
- Good Location

CIVILIZATIONS

Select 3 civilizations. Compare how advanced those civilizations were in 1500 AD/BCE. You will need to use web resources to research this information. Think about: how many people were there? Did they live in cities? Did they have gunpowder? Did they have metal tools and weapons? Did they write? Did they have large ships? Were they building advanced technology?

Name	Civ 1:	Civ 2:	Civ 3:
How advanced was this civilization?			

PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Use your useful organisms worksheet to find the useful plants and animals available to these civilizations.

Name	Civ 1:	Civ 2:	Civ 3:
Useful Plants			
Food Animals			
Clothing Animals			
Work Animals			
Transport Animals			
Security/War Animals			

LOCATION

Compare the civilizations using your diffusion map. How good of a location were these civilizations in?

Name	Civ 1:	Civ 2:	Civ 3:
Inventions spread here			
Diffusion Rating? /5 stars			

WRITING

Prompt: is the theory of Geographic Luck true?

Thesis & Method	
Method	Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>If Geographic Luck were true, places with poor luck should not have developed advanced societies before the global trade system began in 1500AD</i>• <i>If Geographic Luck were true, places with better luck should have developed more by 1500AD when the global trade system began.</i>
Claim	
Reason	Because...

Supporting Evidence (at least 4 sentences)