

Locations of Ancient Civilizations

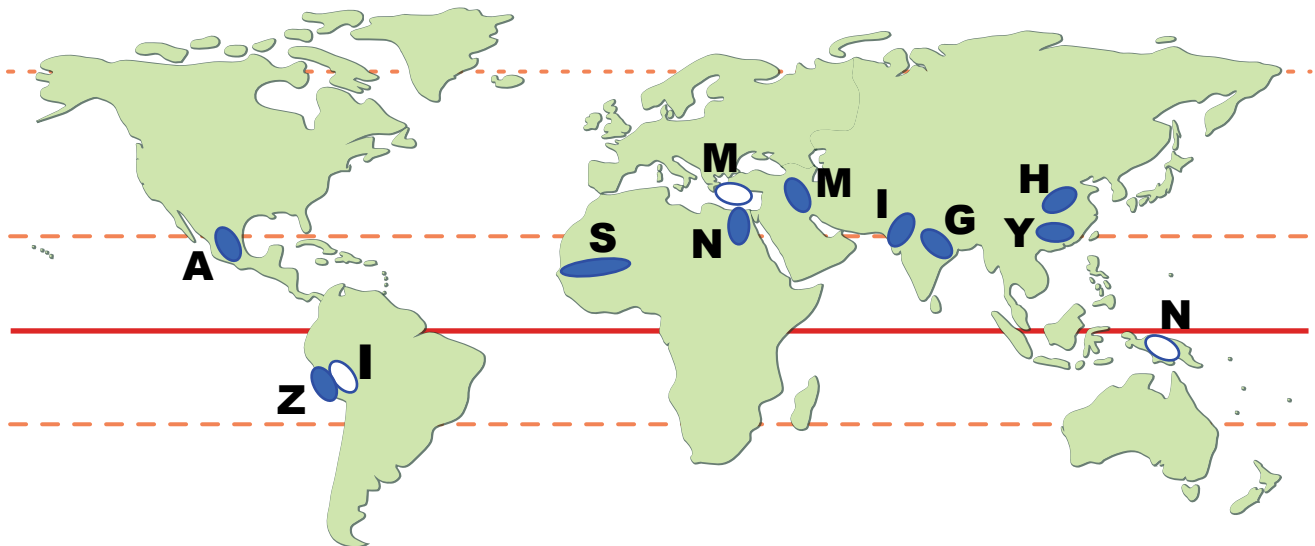
Early civilizations that relied on flooding rivers

(listed in order from oldest to newest, with modern country names in parentheses):

- M. Mesopotamia (Iraq)
- N. Nile (Egypt)
- H. Huang (China)
- I. Indus (Pakistan)
- Y. Yangtze (China)
- G. Ganges (India)
- Z. Zaña/Moche (Peru)
- S. Senegal/Niger (West Africa)
- A. Teotihuacan/Aztec (Mexico)

Early civilizations that did not rely on flooding rivers:

- M. Minoan (Crete)
- N. New Guinea
- I. Inca (Peru)



1. Which latitude line seems to be closest to the "best" environment for early irrigation-based civilizations (ones that relied on flooding rivers)?
Circle: Arctic Circle (66°N) Tropic of Cancer (23°N) Equator (0°) Tropic of Capricorn (23°S)
2. Why do you think that so many civilizations developed near that latitude?
(Hint: look at maps that show world patterns of temperature and rainfall)