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Video Notes:

Please watch the video and complete the questions.



Natural Barriers: isolated China from outsiders.

1.) The _____ forms part of China's natural border to the West.

- What is a plateau?
- Why is a plateau a natural barrier?

2.) The _____ are some of the largest mountains in the world.

- Tallest mountain is:
- Height:
- Mountains are natural barriers because:

3.) The _____ is a vast area stretching from Mongolia into China..

- A desert receives less than _____ inches of rain a year.
- Difficult to cross with a large _____.
- Deserts are natural barriers because:

4.) What formed the natural barrier to the East? _____

- Oceans are natural barriers because:

Using the video, label the approximate locations of:

Himalaya Mountains Mt Everest

Gobi Desert

Tibetan Plateau

Pacific Ocean



Importance of Location

Natural barriers and long distances separated China from other civilizations. This geography allowed China to develop relatively undisturbed. Give examples of how this could HELP China and how it could HURT China.

Help

Hurt

China as a River Civilization

China, like many other ancient civilizations, developed along major rivers.

China's Two Rivers:

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The Huang He River, though vital for survival, has an ominous nickname. It was sometimes called the:

Fertile yellow soil that blows off the plains into the rivers and is deposited on land during the floods is called: _____

Huang He River

Why might it have received this nickname?	Why would people continue to live near this river?
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