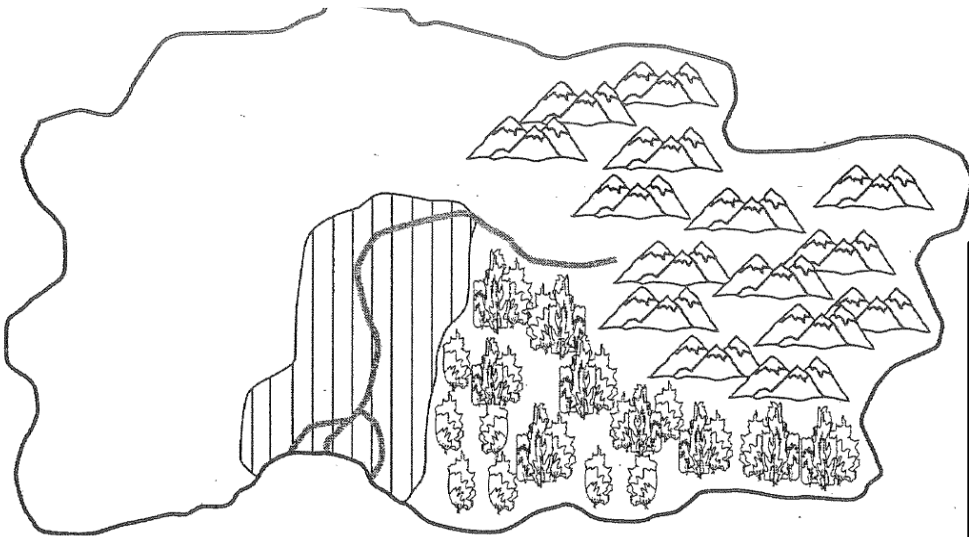


# Where to Build a Civilization

**Part 1:** Brainstorming. Across the top of the chart list, add 3 additional requirements that our civilization location needs to have. In the left column, list 2 additional possible locations (can be anywhere!) Then for each location, determine whether it meets each requirement. Write an X for no or a ✓ for yes.

Possible Locations for Civilization	Requirements for Civilization Location				
	Access to Fresh Water	Fertile Land			
Mountainside					
River Valley					
Forest					

**Part 2:** On the map below, place an X where you believe would be the best location to build a civilization.



**Key**

- river
- forest
- mountains
- fertile land

Reason for your Choice (2-3 sentences):

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Part 3:** Critical Thinking Questions – Answer the following questions based on our activities/discussions in class.

1. If you were a person living during the time of the first civilization, would you rather live alone or with a group? What is easier for your survival? WHY?
2. How can working as a group make survival more difficult?
3. How would SURPLUS food contribute to the rise of a society?
4. How does geography influence early civilizations?
5. Do you think geography affected choices of locations for major cities today? Explain. THINK ABOUT: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Boston.