

## CRADLES OF CIVILIZATION INFORMATION SHEET

#1 Who Am I? \_\_\_\_\_

I flow north to the Mediterranean Sea in the Northeast Corner of the African continent. A desert surrounds me but I contain a rich fertile valley. I flood every year leaving behind a rich supply of silt and minerals perfect for farming. Because my farmers built canals to water the plants, they created a crop surplus for trading and for times of famine.

#2 Who Are We? \_\_\_\_\_

There is a strip of well-watered land between my two rivers. They begin along the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea and arch northward then curve southeastwardly towards the Persian Gulf. The Zagras Mountains are east of me and the Syrian Desert is to the west. I have unpredictable floods that leave behind rich silt deposits. Because of my long, hot summers and little rainfall, irrigation is necessary. My people planned their cities, herded animals and traded with their surplus crops.

#3 Who Am I? \_\_\_\_\_

I flow southward and empty into the Arabian Sea. The Hindu Kush and the Himalayan Mountains border me. Many smaller rivers called tributaries feed into me. I have rich fertile plains from my annual flooding. Two ancient cities, Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa, thrived on my banks.

#4 Who Am I? \_\_\_\_\_

My source, where I begin, is in the Plateau of Tibet. The Gobi Desert is to the north of me. I bend back and forth across north China and I have many tributaries. My main river carries soft, yellow dirt that empties into the Yellow Sea. I have unpredictable floods that deposit huge amounts of this yellow earth, causing my water level to rise rapidly changing my direction often.



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### Answer Key

- #1 Who Am I? Nile River
- #2 Who Are We? Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- #3 Who Am I? Indus River
- #4 Who Am I? Huang He (Ho) River

